

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Stuart Mori

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Canzona – *Zipoli*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on John 21:1-19*

Leader: When Jesus left his friends to themselves, they went fishing.

People: **They repaired their nets. They rowed their boats. They cast their nets. They hauled in... nothing.**

Leader: When Jesus left his friends to themselves, they went fishing.

People: **They rowed their boats all night. They cast their nets all night. They hauled in their nets all night... and caught nothing.**

Leader: Then a figure on the shore suggested that they fish to the starboard side.

People: **They rowed their boats. They cast their nets to starboard. They hauled the nets to shore, too filled with fish to bring into the boat.**

Leader: They knew that it was Jesus, and their time of fishing had reached its end.

People: **We know that it is Jesus filling our lives with wonder, calling us to love God's people.**

Hymn #617: Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on Psalm 30*

You have given us healing, O God. You have delivered us from trouble. We have wept in the night, and found your joy with morning. We have faced the prospect of death,

and you have brought us life. Hear our souls today as we praise you. O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Dedication of the Sound System

Introduction

Litany of Dedication

Leader: David wrote, "Their voice goes out through all the earth,

People: **"and their words to the end of the world."**

Leader: The Apostle Paul asked, "How are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?"

People: **"And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?"**

Leader: Today we rejoice in the gift of sound: the sound we produce, and the sound we hear.

People: **Today we rejoice in the gift of the word: the words we speak, and the words that move us.**

Leader: Today we rejoice in the gift of technology that amplifies our words and voices to fall clearly on the ears.

People: **Today we rejoice in the gift of skill that arranged and installed all the pieces.**

Leader: Today we rejoice in the life of Ken Tanouye, who urged our church's leaders to make it easier to hear in this room, even as his final illness prevented him from worshipping here.

People: **Today we rejoice in the Tanouye family, who chose to honor Ken's life with this great gift.**

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God, you hear all that sings in the universe. You hear all that is silent in the heart. We do not have your ears. So we are grateful for the ability to add strength to the human voice, and add volume to the vibration of strings, to bring word and melody to where it may challenge us, inspire us, and fill us with joy. Bless now these microphones and amplifiers, mixers and speakers, cables, control devices, and stands, to the use of your Church and the declaration of your glory. May they raise up harmonies of sorrow and compassion. May they amplify prayers of comfort and confession. May they carry words of healing and challenge. By them warn and reward your servant people. In memory of Ken Tanouye, in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we dedicate this sound system to you. Amen.

Leader: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: No. 5 Intermezzo from Miniatures – *Frank Bridge* 19th Parallel

Time with Children

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle for the

Lord's Prayer in unison:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Scriptures: Revelation 5:1-14

Sermon: Apocalypse Now

Rev. Tracy Barnowe

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #223: What Wondrous Love Is This (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

We have dedicated our sound system this morning, the result of a generous gift. Now, we look to dedicate additional generous gifts. Not all gifts amplify sound. They do not all extend our voices. But God hears the generous spirit of every heart in every gift, no matter its size or nature. Bring your gifts. God knows your heart. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Duet – *Handel*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Bless us in our giving, O God. Bless us for the love we offer you in, with, and alongside these gifts. Bless us in our giving, O God. Bless us in our days this week and we bring our love to friends, neighbors, and strangers. Bless us in our giving, O God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #349: I Come with Joy (v. 1-4)**THE LORD'S SUPPER****Invitation**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup
Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation then return to your pew and remain standing. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, please remain seated, and we will serve you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving**Closing Hymn #305:** You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim (v. 1-3)**Benediction**

Choral Benediction Response #236: Halleluja (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: A Tune for the Trumpet – *Bach arr. Paxton*

Kayleen Yuda

At the organist's request, please refrain from applause after the Postlude.

Dates to Remember

Today, May 5 – Communion

Today, May 5 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, April 29 – The Gathering Place at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m.

Friday, May 10 – Community Sing, 6 p.m., sanctuary

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Woody Kita, Mary Ann Katayama, Erin Okuda, Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Lay Reader: Stuart Mori

Flowers: Anita Mathews

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Projected Imagery: Sue Smith

Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Office Manager: Pearl “Momi” Lyman

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:**
 - Sundays, 8:30 am – A Survey of the Bible in J’s Café
 - Wednesdays, 9:30 am—Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday Service in Pastor’s office
 - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – Pastor’s office
- **UCCP Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in J’s Cafe
- **IYAA Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2:00 pm in sanctuary
- **Community Sing:** 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:00 pm in sanctuary

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worship in the Meeting Room of the Building

of Faith Sundays at 10 am.

Rev. Bensis Henry

- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa** worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 12 noon.

Rev. Ausage Lelili'o and Rev. Rae Lelili'o

- **The Bedesta Church** worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith, Sundays at 1:30 pm.

Rev. Edmes Edwin

- **Islamic Center of Hawaii** worship in the Meeting Room, Fridays at 12 noon.

Dr. Shawon Rahman