

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2019
Education Sunday
Mother's Day

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Morning Meditation -- *Paxton*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Rev. 7:9-17*

Leader: To God belongs all blessing and honor and glory and wisdom and power.

People: To us belong the voices to declare God's praise.

Leader: To God belongs the mercy of salvation and the summons of the faithful.

People: To us belong the voices to declare God's praise.

Leader: To God belongs the feeding of the hungry, the deliverance of the poor.

People: To us belong the voices: Let us declare God's praise!

Hymn #350: Now in the Days of Youth (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 23*

Come to us, our shepherd, to lead us to still waters, to rest with us in fields of green. Come to us, our shepherd, in the paths of righteousness: revive our souls again. At a table with an overflowing cup, in a valley filled with shadows, we will know your presence and your love. So come to us, our shepherd, and this morning hear our praise. 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

Anthem

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Time with Children: Recognition of Graduates and Teachers

Recognition of Teachers

Recognition of Graduates

- Laurie McGrath
- Mark Tanouye

Pastor: You have worked, you have played, you have made friends, you have studied, and you have accomplished.

People: We give thanks for you.

Pastor: You step forward into brand new days, filled with work, filled with play, filled with friends, filled with study, and filled with the prospect of accomplishment.

People: We pray that God bless you.

Pastor: At this moment in the joy of success, we celebrate the blessings you have received, the blessings you have applied so well to achieve so much.

People: We thank God for you.

Pastor: At this moment at the threshold of the future, we give to you our love and ask the blessings of Almighty God, to carry you through trouble, to guide you through uncertainty, and to multiply your joys.

People: We pray that God bless you. Amen.

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: Acts 9:36-43

Sermon: Please Come to Us

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #479: God Is My Shepherd (v. 1-5)

Invitation to the Offering:

Tabitha of Joppa “was devoted to good works and acts of charity.” She was a disciple of Jesus. Let us be disciples. Let us bring our gifts for good works and acts of charity. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Andante -- *Beethoven*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū
Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao. 'Āmene

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give while we may. Someday our lives here will end, and our lives in close company with you will begin. For now, we ask your blessing on our offerings. May they show your love and our love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #473: Blessed Assurance (v. 1-3)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allemanda – Corelli arr. Norris

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, May 12 – Council Meeting after worship

Today, May 12 – Recognition of Graduates and Teachers

Monday, May 13 – The Gathering Place at 9 a.m., pickleball at 3 p.m.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Laura Ota

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

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
- **Islamic Center of Hawaii:** Ramadan prayers 8 p.m. nightly in the Meeting Room

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