

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 2, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Reilly Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Fill Me Now – *Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on John 17*

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus prayed for unity.

People: **He prayed for his disciples, those who gathered at the table, and we who believe in Jesus through their word.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus prayed for unity.

People: **He prayed that we believe that God had sent him. He prayed that we will see his glory.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus prayed for unity.

People: **He prayed that we may all be one. He prayed that we may all be one.**

Leader: With united hearts, let us worship God.

Hymn #417: This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on Psalm 97*

We rejoice in your reign, O God, creator of coastlines and mountains. We rejoice in your reign, O God, as the heavens glow with your righteousness. We rejoice in your reign, O God, as you bring light to the righteous and joy to the upright in heart. Hear us as we thank you; hear us as we praise your holy name! 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: Sanctus – *Charles H. Davis*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

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: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon: Annoying People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #179: We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness (v. 1-2)

Reception of New Members:

John Narruhn (Affirmation of Faith)
Invitation
Questions of the Candidate
Baptism

Sharing of the Covenant:

All: We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God. We agree to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the entire world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did those who came before us, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Welcome:

Pastor: Let us, the members of Church of the Holy Cross UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering:

An unexpected smile warms the hearts of those who see it. A word of thanks when most say nothing lifts the spirit. Give this morning to warm the hearts of people you may never meet. Give this morning to lift the spirit of people near and far. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Duo – *Cabazon*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

**Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

**Guide us, O God, to care for one another. Guide us, O God, to honor one another.
Guide us, O God, to build a blessed community. With these gifts let your will be done.
Amen.**

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-2)

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 #347: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 1-3)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Rejoice, the Lord is King – *Darwall-Mead*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, June 2 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Today, June 2 – Communion

Monday, June 3 – The Gathering Place: Ukulele and Singing

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Stefan & Jennifer Tanouye, Eric Tanouye and Jean Tanouye

Lay Reader: Reilly Narruhn

Flowers: Eileen Shiraishi

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
- **Pastor's Prayer Group** – 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in 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