

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: Barcarolle – *Moore*

Carolyn Lum-

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 148*

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens! Praise the LORD from the heights!

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the earth, from the depths of the seas!

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from mountains and hills, from fruit trees and koa!

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together:

People: Praise the LORD!

Hymn #522: I Love to Tell the Story (v. 1-4)

Invocation

You walked the earth with us such a very short time, Jesus. In that time, you overthrew the expectations of the world. In that time, you broke the power of sin and death. And in that time, you gave us this commandment: to love one another as you have loved us. Bless us in this time, O Jesus. Help us love one another. 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: All Praise to Thee – *Tomas Tallis*

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 11:1-18

Sermon: What Has God Cleansed?

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #317: Mikotoba o kudasai (Make a Gift of Your Holy Word)

(v. 1 Japanese, v. 1, 3 English)

Invitation to the Offering:

Simon Peter heard God's call, and followed God's direction into unfamiliar places. In this moment, listen for God's call, which may call you into places new and strange, or places long familiar. Listen for God's call. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Allegretto – *Wesley*

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

Gracious God, accept these gifts we offer in response to your call. Continue to call us as we seek your guidance for our lives. Guide these offerings to contribute to the healing of the earth. Amen.

Hymn #316: We Limit Not the Truth of God (v. 1-3)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Festival March – *Warren*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, May 19 – Sunday School ends

Today, May 19 – Safety Presentation after worship in the Building of Faith

Today, May 19 – Picture taking after worship

Today, May 19 – Refreshments by IYAA; please join us

Monday, May 20 – The Gathering Place: Documentary titled "The Interrupters."

Produced by Steve James and Alex Kotlowitz, the film tells the story of people trying to "interrupt" the cycles of violence in the shooting-plagued neighborhoods of Chicago. Hope blossoms amidst the temptation to despair. Starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Building of Faith

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Flowers: Woody & Jean Kita

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