

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Second after Pentecost, June 23, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Guest Pastor Rev. Ronald Kent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Words of Greeting/ Announcements

Welcome

Prelude: Prelude (Suite VIII) - Purcell

Stefan Tanouye
Moderator Bob Smith
Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to our God who is good, Whose steadfast love endures forever!

People: The people God loves have been gathered in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some have wandered, finding no safety, hungry and thirsty.

People: In their trouble they cried out to God who delivered them from distress.

Leader: Let us thank our God for steadfast love for all humankind.

ALL: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things. O give thanks to our God who is good, Whose steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn: # 488 Be Still my Soul v. 1-3

Invocation

Holy God, we gather this day to give thanks for your steadfast love and to experience afresh your desire to gather all people into communities of safety, justice and peace. With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow into "a new self" in your image: generous, compassionate, welcoming. Baptized into Christ, we seek to love all of our sisters and brothers with Christ's inclusive love that sees beyond difference and extends the hand of peace to strangers. Send your Spirit among us and inspire our imaginations and wills in the things that make for peace.

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: Consider the Lilies -- Hoffman

Marlise Ahuna

Time with Children

Rev. Ronald Kent

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: I Kings 19:1-15a

Sermon: "Desert Whispers"

Rev. Ronald Kent

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn: #101 Comfort, Comfort O, My People v 1-3

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond. It is, however, through our offering that we can nurture these seeds so all may know the gospel's promise. Our offering will now be received.

Offertory: Air -- Purcell

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen

Prayer of Dedication

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

Hymn #99 Abide With Me (vs. 1,3,4)

Benediction

Rev. Ronald Kent

Choral Benediction Response #393 Blessed Be The Tie (vs. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Soldier of the Lord -- *Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Monday, June 24 – The Gathering Place, 9:00 am Building of Faith, pickleball at 1:00 pm

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Guest Minister: Rev. Ron Kent

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Stefan Tanouye

Flowers: Gloria Kobayashi

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** will resume on Sunday morning, July 7th at 8:30 am.
- **Pastor’s Prayer Group** – 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in Pastor’s office

- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice**: Fridays, 2:00 pm in sanctuary
- **Community Sing**: Resumes July 11th

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