

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 21, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: I am Thine, O Lord – *Doane-Graham*

Gloria Kobayashi

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Timothy Nakamoto

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Colossians 1:15-18*

Leader: Who is the image of the invisible God?

People: It is Jesus, the firstborn of creation.

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People: It is Christ, who created all things with God.

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People: It is Jesus Christ, the head of the body, the Church.

Leader: Whom shall we worship?

People: Let us worship Christ.

Hymn #495: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 15*

May we abide in your tent, O God? May we dwell on your holy hill? Though we strive, we do not live without blame. Though we seek to do what is right, sometimes we cannot share the truth of our hearts. Though we would do no evil, in truth we sometimes tolerate the suffering of others when their relief demands too much of us. In your mercy, take us into your tent, O God, and receive our heart-felt worship. 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: Canzonetta – *Stickles*

Timothy Nakamoto
Kayleen Yuda

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: Genesis 18:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: Distracted or Disaster

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #485: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (v. 1-4)

Invitation to the Offering:

Abraham greeted his guests with a bow. He brought them water to wash and to drink; he offered them bread, milk, and a hearty stew. He gave the weary travelers a sense of welcome. May our gifts today contribute to a similar welcome: a welcome to this house

of prayer, a welcome to experiences of grace, a welcome to a true sense of welcome.
Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Adagio – *Hasse-Blake*

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

O God of wanderers, and God of people seeking homes, accept these gifts, we pray. O God of the weary, and God of the hopeless, accept these gifts, we pray. O God of the messengers, and God of the Message, accept these gifts, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #492: I Would Be True (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #496: Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Trumpet Air – *Purcell-Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, July 21 – Trustees Meeting After Worship

Monday, July 22 – Gathering Place: Socialization 9 a.m., pickle ball at 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 – Sr. Ministry—Maintaining Balance (led by Anne Sadayasu)

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: James & Connie Yoshiyama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem & Carol Morioka

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

Flowers: Jean and Woody Kita

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Guest Pianist: Timothy Nakamoto

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
- **Choir Practice** – Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary & Sundays, 9 a.m. in the Lounge
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Resumes August 9th, Fridays, 2:00 pm in the 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 12:30 p.m.
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