

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 4, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Barbara Iwami

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Psalm 23 – *Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 107*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Those whom God has rescued say so,

People: **Those the LORD redeemed from trouble.**

Leader: God gathered them in from every direction.

People: **God gathered them in from hunger and thirst.**

Leader: God satisfies the thirsty; God fills the hungry with good things.

People: **Let those who are wise give heed to these things. Let us praise the steadfast love of the LORD.**

Hymn #563: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 49*

Where shall we find your wisdom, O God? Where shall we find your guidance? Will we find it in a proverb? Will it echo in the strains of a hymn? Will we find it in possessions, O God? Or will we find it in our sharing? Here we gather in your presence, O God. Let us here find wisdom. 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

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: Hosea 11:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: God's Heart

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #583: Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (v. 1-4)

Invitation to the Offering:

The difference between sensible foresight and foolish greed is a great one. Contributing to this offering will not, of itself, deliver anyone from greed. Yet it is a place and a time to practice giving and sharing. It is a time and a place to practice saving treasures toward God. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: God's Love Surrounds Us – *Simone*

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

Bless these gifts, O God. Bless the hands whose love has extended them. Bless us tomorrow and each day to place our treasures with you, and become wealthy in your sight. Amen.

Hymn #337: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (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 #495: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #495: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Praise Him -- *Saxton*

Kayleen Yuda

At the organist's request, please refrain from applause after the Postlude.

Dates to Remember

Today, August 4 -- Communion

Today, August 4 – Church picnic after worship. You are welcome!

Monday, August 5 – Gathering Place: Ukulele, singing, fellowship

Sunday, August 11 – Council Meeting after worship

Sunday, August 11 – Sunday School resumes

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Kay Kawachika, Cindy Debus, Jane Kawazoe

Lay Reader: Barbara Iwami

Flowers: Carol Morioka

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Choir Director: Doug Albertson

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

▪ **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