

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 11, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Stefan Tanouye

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Berceusu -- *Denton*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 50*

Leader: The Mighty One, the Holy One, speaks and summons the Earth.

People: **God summons the Earth, the stars, and the sun.**

Leader: God comes and does not keep silence.

People: **God calls to the heavens above and the Earth below. God comes in judgement.**

Leader: Let us gather as God's faithful ones, who accept the covenant of Christ.

People: **We will gather as God's faithful ones, who accept the salvation of the LORD.**

Hymn #112: Keep Awake, Be Always Ready (v. 1-2)

Invocation *based on Hebrews 11*

Give us faith, O God. Give us hope. Give us the power to create a future different from the past. Give us the ability to shine like stars in the heavens, radiating light and love on those around us. May we receive your promises and share them. Give us faith, O God. Give us hope in this time of 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

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: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Luke 12:32-40

Sermon: The Unexpected Hour

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #68: God Is Truly With Us (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

God has said many times through the prophets that sacrifice means less than righteousness. "Bringing offerings is futile," God told Isaiah. "I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity." What God desires is to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan and plead for the widow. Let these gifts now contribute to that work. And tomorrow, bring your heart and soul to the summons of God. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Coranto--*Gibbons*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū
Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao. 'Āmene

Prayer of Dedication

Wash us clean, O God. Remove the evil doings of your people. Help us to live as righteously as you demand. By these gifts, may hungry bodies, minds, and souls be fed. By these gifts, may righteousness prevail. By these gifts, may we be guided into tomorrow's work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: Be Dressed and Ready (v. 1-4) (insert)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #490: I Want Jesus to Go with Me (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Rejoice, the Lord is Kind – *Mead*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, August 11 – Council Meeting after worship

Today, August 11 – Sunday School resumes

Monday, August 12 – A Gathering Place. Movie: Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Cheryl Sumida, Julann Sonomura, Cindy Debus & Jane Kawazoe

Lay Reader: Stefan Tanouye

Flowers: Barbara Iwami, Dr. Bill & Nancy Chen

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Choir Director: Doug Albertson

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:**
 - 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:** 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