

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, September 01, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting
Pastoral Welcome
Prelude

Ruth Niino-DuPonte
Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Sirach 10:12-18*

Leader: When we give ourselves to pride, we withdraw our hearts from our Maker.

People: **Pride makes calamities. It makes destruction. It rises up in sin.**

Leader: The LORD overthrows the seats of rulers and enthrones the poor.

People: **The LORD plucks up the roots of nations, planting the humble in their place.**

Leader: May we be quit of our pride in this time of worship.

People: **May we be restored to our Maker in this time of prayer.**

Hymn #539: Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? (v. 1-6)

Please join me in the Invocation *based on Hebrews 13:8-16*

We gather here today, O God, not quite the same as we were yesterday. We are not the same people we were a week ago. Yet Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. In the overflowing goodness of his love we come, confident of your holy presence. Receive our sacrifice of praise, O Holy One. Our lips confess your name. 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: Prayer for Guidance – *Allen Pote*

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: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: To Choose the Place of Honor

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:

The Book of Hebrews advises: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers... Remember those who are in prison... Keep your lives from the love of money..." Let our love be given to our neighbors in this moment. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory

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

To you, O God, we present these gifts. May our offering be a pleasing sacrifice to you – but more, let it be a sharing of our love with you, with our neighbors, and with the people we will never meet. You have said you will never forsake us; with these gifts, we pray that you never forsake anyone on Earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (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 come around to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #454: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #454: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 1 – Communion

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day Holiday. Office closed.

Monday, September 2 – Pickle ball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Anita Matthews, Doreen Lucas, Ming Peng & Nalyn Ang

Lay Reader: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Flowers: Katada & Tadaki families

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 sanctuary

▪ **United Church of Christ, Pohnpei Bible Study** – Wednesdays, 6 p.m. in J's Café

▪ **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.
Shawon Rahman