

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 8, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Cindy Debus

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: La Trombe – *Couperin* – Arr. Biggs

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Jeremiah 18*

Leader: God summoned Jeremiah to the potter's house to hear the word of the LORD.

People: **Watching the clay being shaped, then ruined, then reshaped, Jeremiah understood the wisdom of God.**

Leader: God works to shape and change us into righteousness and good.

People: **God never lets us go; God reworks us when we falter.**

Leader: Though this place is no potter's house, come hear the wisdom of our God:

People: **We come to be renewed; we come to be reformed; we come to worship God.**

Hymn #565: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 139*

You have searched us and known us, O God. Our innermost thoughts, our words not yet spoken: all these you know. Yet of you we know far less. How vast is the sum of your thoughts, O God! We cannot count them any more than we can count all the grains of the sand. So hear our wonder, O God, and hear our praise as we come to you 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: Let the Praise Go 'Round, *arr. Hal Hopson*

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: Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: Counting the Cost

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #224: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 1-4)

Invitation to the Offering:

We are not building a tower. We are trying to construct something much more complicated, and much more difficult: We are trying to build a holy community, a gathering of blessing people. Our gifts today will help. Our gifts of love and service tomorrow will help even more. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Tambourin – *Rameau, arr. Biggs*

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

Gracious God, we confess that we have not fully counted or appreciated the cost of discipleship. We struggle to give things up, to let things go. Accept these gifts as a symbol of our deep commitment and as a sign of our progress toward the disciples we mean to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #584: I Am the Light of the World (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #580: O Kou Aloha No (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Festival Postlude – *Zipoli, arr. Biggs*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 8 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Today, September 8 – Workshop after worship: “How We Get Through Hard Times”,
Building of Faith

Monday, September 9 – The Gathering Place, ukulele and singing at 9 a.m., pickleball at
1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Sunday, September 15 – Council Meeting after worship

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Cindy Debus

Flowers: Moira Tanaka

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 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.
Dr. Shawon Rahman