

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 22, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Anne Sadayasu

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Prelude – *J. S. Bach*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship** *based on Psalm 113*

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD our God!

**People:** **Blessed be God's name in this time and forever.**

**Leader:** From the rising of the sun over Hilo waters,

**People:** **to the setting of the sun in the skies beyond Kona**

**All:** **We will praise the LORD.**

**Leader:** God raises the poor from dust,

**People:** **God lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

**All:** **For God's majesty and goodness, we will praise the LORD!**

**Hymn #305:** You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim (v. 1-4)

**Invocation** *based on 1 Timothy 2:1-7*

**We raise our prayers to you, O God, for a life of truth and peace. We raise our prayers to you that those in places of authority be guided by your wisdom. We raise our prayers to you that we be led in love and righteousness. We raise our prayers to you in thanks for Jesus' gracious gift. Hear now our prayers as we bring them to you in worship. In Jesus' 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:** A Canon of Praise – *Natalie Sleeth*

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:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Luke 6:1-13

**Sermon:** Puzzling Parable

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

### **Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #553:** There Is a Balm in Gilead (v. 1-3)

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

What friends would Jesus have us make by way of our “dishonest wealth?” Would Jesus have us bribe our way into the courts of heaven, something which is not possible? Or does Jesus wish us to present a heart so full that sharing our possessions seems the obvious thing? Let our love for God be made known: let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Andante -- *Gluck*

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**

We would have but one Guide, O God: You. We would have but one Savior, O God: You. We would have but one Spirit, O God: You. Accept these gifts, we pray, and with them our faith and hope. Amen.

**Hymn #76:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing (v. 1-2)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #81:** God Be with You (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Trumpet Air – *Purcell, arr. Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, September 22 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, September 22 – J's Mini Mart

Sunday, September 29 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting after worship

September 2019 – Givealoha@Foodland. Our code is 77840. Make a donation to Church of the Holy Cross at any Foodland store and they will provide an additional gift to the church during the entire month of September 2019.

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

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

**Lay Reader:** Anne Sadayasu

**Flowers:** Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama 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
- **The Gathering Place** – 9:00 a.m. every Monday with various activities such as singing, socialization, movies, games. Pickleball at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith.
- **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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 pm in sanctuary

**Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross**

- **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**
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worship in the Meeting Room of the Building of Faith Sundays at 3:30 pm.  
**Rev. Bensis Henry**
- **Islamic Center of Hawaii** worship in the Meeting Room, Fridays at 12 noon.  
**Dr. Shawon Rahman**