

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Gloria Kobayashi

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: A Song for the King of Kings -- *Livingston*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 91*

Leader: You who live in the shelter of God, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty:

People: **We say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

Leader: God will cover you with holy wings. Beneath those feathers you may take refuge.

People: **We will not fear the terror of the night. We will not fear the darts of the day.**

Leader: God assures us that when we call, the LORD will answer.

People: **We have seen the salvation of the LORD.**

Hymn #495: Called as Partners in Christ’s Service (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on 1 Timothy 6:6-19*

We confess that we are not often content, O God. We desire more time to do our work, or to refresh ourselves in play, or to renew our weary spirits for the morning.

We desire more materials to satisfy our discomfort, or to heal our injuries, or to share with our neighbors. We desire more righteousness to live godly, faithful, loving, enduring, gentle lives. We are not often content, and so we come to you this day seeking the peace that passes human understanding. Please share it with us as we 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

IYAA

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 32:1-3a, 6-15
Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: Getting the Points

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #498: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Not all the needy are like a suffering man groaning by the door. Not all the wealthy cling to their resources like their lives depended on it. Our calling is to caring. Our calling is to see each other as a human being, traveling this same trail of life. To help one another, and to declare our faith in our neighbors, let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Morning Song – *Mc Crory*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: (Chuukese):

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin
Pun i echok a manaman
Sipwe mwareiti feilfoilo
Kot Sam, Kot Nau, Kot Ngunmifel—Amen

Prayer of Dedication

This is not all of our love, O God. This is not all of our gifts. We will share tomorrow, and the next day, and the next, in ways we have not placed upon your altar. Bless this giving and that giving, too, O God, to bring this groaning world a little closer to the grace that you intend. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #494: We Who Would Valiant Be (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #496: Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Trumpet Tune – *Stanley*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 29 – Stewardship & Mission meeting after worship

Monday, September 30 – The Gathering Place, socialization at 9 a.m. pickleball at 1 p.m.
in the Building of Faith

Wednesday, October 2 – Pastors Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m. in Pastors Study

Thursday, October 3 – History of the Church, 1:00 p.m. in Pastors Study

Thursday, October 3 – How the UCC works, 6:30 p.m. in Pastors Study

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

Flowers: Laura Ota

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
- **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:** 2nd & 4th 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