

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word – *Walther*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 37*

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked. Do not envy the evildoers.

People: **We wait, but they have not faded like grass. Their ills seem to bloom.**

Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good. You and your land will live in security.

People: **What of those others whom evil afflicts? When will they delight in our God?**

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD. Trust God. God will act.

People: **We will be still before the LORD, and wait for our God. We will not fret ourselves, lest we, too, turn to evil.**

Hymn #583: Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on Luke 17:5-10*

When your followers asked you to increase their faith, O Jesus, you declared that faith as small as the smallest seed could move the earth. We fear, however, that our faith will not move anything: not a mulberry bush, not a nation, not a single human heart. So like them we pray, O God, that you increase our faith, so that like the seeds you plant around the world, our faith may grow. 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: Credo – *Jane Marshall*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani
Joanne Pocsidio

Readings during the anthem:

We believe in God, our Eternal Creator and Almighty Sovereign.

And we believe God calls us into being people of Faith, Righteousness, and Compassion.

*We believe in Jesus the Christ, who lived so that we might be reconciled to our Creator,
and so that we might better understand the Divine Mystery.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, ever renewing the church, and binding people of all
religions to the one, true God.*

*We believe in the great missions of the Church of the Holy Cross, which are many and
diverse, vital and empowering.*

*And we believe in each other, the Body of Christ, doing the Work of God, here and
throughout the world.*

Readers:

Kayleen Yuda

Joyce Nakamoto

Jonathan Roach

Janet Fujioka

Woody Kita

Jihey Roach

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: Lamentations 3:19-26
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon: Christian Conditions

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #331: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

In the early days of the church, the gifts presented in worship included the bread and wine for the celebration of communion. Sometimes everyone would have just a small portion, as we do. At other times, everyone would enjoy a full meal. Your gifts today help fill the plates and cups of our communion table. More, they help to fill the empty plates and cups of our neighbors: empty plates and cups of the body, the mind, and the spirit. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Blessed Jesus, We Are Here – *Walther*

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

Fill our cup, Lord. Fill our plate. Fill them with the food of the body, the food of the mind, and the food of the Spirit. Fill the cups and plates of the needy of the world. Fill them with these gifts: for food of the body, food of the mind, and food of the Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #337: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (v. 1-3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Rev. Eric Anderson: On this World Communion Sunday, let us come to God for the breaking of the bread. Let us pray:

People: God of vast creation, God of heaven and earth, we thank you for the bread of life.

Rev. Ausage Lelili'o: We recall the time when you preserved the children of Israel by leading them to Egypt, where your prophet Joseph had gathered grain.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is bread baked from wheat to keep us whole and sound.

Rev. Francis Salvador: We recall the time when they fled slavery into a barren land, and you fed them with your manna.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is rice, which nourishes so many hungry people every day.

Rev. Rae Lelili'o: We recall the time your people found a promised land, rejoicing in its plenty.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is banana bread, in which we taste the sweetness of life.

Rev. Eric Anderson: We recall the time when Israel received its law from you, a law that extended justice to the stranger and sojourner.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is tortilla, which is the bread of so many newcomers to our nation.

Rev. Ausage Lelili'o: We recall the time when Israel was taken into exile, and they sought to worship you in a new land.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is ulu, breadfruit, which has nourished Polynesian peoples wherever they have traveled.

Rev. Francis Salvador: We recall that in your wisdom and mercy, O God, you have never left your people hungry when your Spirit might provide.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is poi from taro root, which keeps our bodies rooted in the land.

Rev. Rae Lelili'o: And we recall, O God, that when your people were starved for your Spirit, you sent us Jesus, to fill us and make us whole.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is an empty bowl, which reminds of the hungry we still yearn to feed, and reminds us of the love of Christ which fills our souls from depth to height.

The pastors continue with the prayer.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Song: Here I Am, Lord *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Joanne Pocsidio
Doug Albertson

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 to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #341: Great Spirit God (v. 1, 6)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #341: Great Spirit God (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Trumpet Air – *Purcell arr: Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, October 6 – Trustees meeting after worship

Today, October 6 – Communion

Today, October 6 – Dedication of Neighbors In Need

Monday, October 7 – The Gathering Place, ukulele and singing at 9 a.m. pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Thursday, October 10 – History of the Church, 1:00 p.m. in Pastors Study

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Ben & Reiko Masutomi, Sets Takemoto & Tammy Nagami

Lay Reader: Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Bob & Sue Smith

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 o study

Thursdays, 1:00 pm – History of the Church – Pastor’s study

▪ **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