

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 20, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Faith Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: *Air – Handel, arr. Russell*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 119:97-104*

Leader: God's commandments make us wiser than our foes,

People: **For they are always with us.**

Leader: We have more understanding than our teachers

People: **When we make God's decrees our meditation.**

Leader: I understand even more than the elder sages

People: **When I keep the precepts of the LORD.**

Leader: How sweet are the words of God:

People: **They are sweeter than the taste of honey; they lead to a sweetness of life.**

Hymn #505: Sweet Hour of Prayer (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Genesis 32:22-31*

Struggle with us, O God, as you struggled with Jacob by the stream. Struggle with us, O God, even if we find ourselves put out of joint. Struggle with us, O God, because we would catch, embrace, and hold you. Struggle with us, O God, and in the struggle, give us blessing. 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 31:27-34
Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: Still Hoping

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #179: We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

God keeps calling. God keeps calling. God keeps calling all those people in the world
who do the things that we condemn. God keeps calling all those people in the world
who do the things that we approve. God keeps calling. God keeps calling them – and

God keeps calling us – to share, to embrace, and to love. Let us answer God’s call. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Oh Had I Jubal’s Lyre – *Handel, arr. Russell*

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:

Gracious God, who would not have us lose our hope, accept the gifts we offer. Grant us hope that they will build a new, more heavenly Earth. Grant us confidence that we have made a difference. Grant us guidance that tomorrow, as we act, we act according to your will. Amen.

Hymn #436: God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #436: God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso – *Handel, arr. Russell*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, October 20 – Membership meeting after worship

Today, October 20 – Workshop: Creating the Life You Would Love to Live, 1 p.m.,
Building of Faith

Monday, October 21 – The Gathering Place, socialization at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith.

Thursday, October 24 – History of the Church, 1:00 p.m. in Pastors Study

Sunday, October 27 – All Saints Service, 10 am, followed by Potluck Lunch. Please notify Momi at the church office of a loved one who has passed away recently to be included in the service. Sign-up sheet for the potluck is posted on the bulletin board in the breezeway at the back of the church sanctuary.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator: Bob Smith
Ushers: Ben & Reiko Masutomi, Sets Takemoto & Tammy Nagami
Lay Reader: Faith Narruhn
Flowers: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miyake
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 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