

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, November 3, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Stefan Tanouye

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Break Thou The Bread of Life – *Sherwin, arr. Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 119:137-144*

Leader: The judgments of the LORD are right; the LORD decides with righteousness.

People: **We look and see that people are not God. We all forget God's words.**

Leader: Though others may despise us for it, let us not dismiss the words of God.

People: **We cling to everlasting truth. Amidst our anguish and our troubles, we delight in God.**

Leader: Come now and worship God, who gives us guidance in love.

People: **We will worship God, seeking to understand a righteous life.**

Hymn #417: This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v. 1-4, using alternate 4th stanza)

Invocation *based on 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12*

Can you make us worthy of your call, O God? Will you fulfill in us the promise of our faith? Will you accept our intentions and transform them into actions? Will you magnify our influence and guide it surely to the best? Make us worthy of your call, O God, as we glorify your name 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: The Love of the Lord *by Michael Joncas*
featuring solos by Eric Anderson & Bob Smith

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: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Sermon: I Think I'll Climb a Tree

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #459: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Zacchaeus came down from the sycamore tree transformed. He climbed it curious. He descended renewed. In that new self, he found a generosity he had not had before. In that new self, he chose to share his blessings. In that new self, he changed his world. Let us change our world. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Communion -- *Buccioli*

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

Descending from our trees, O God, we offer you these gifts. Accept them, we pray, as you accept the souls of all who seek you. May they build a loving and a welcoming realm of God, a world of your own heart. Accept our gifts, O God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #330: Let Us Break Bread Together (v. 1-3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup
Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

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 #551: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #551: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Joyous Dialogue – Traditional Melody, *arr. Jordan* Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, November 3 – Communion

Today, November 3 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, November 4 – The Gathering Place, ukulele and singing at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Anne Sadayasu, Julann Sonomura, Cheryl Sumida & Henry Nakamoto

Lay Reader: Stefan Tanouye

Flowers: Doreen Lucas

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 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 study
- **Choir Rehearsal** – Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. in the lounge & Sundays, 9 a.m. in the lounge
- **Christmas Singers Rehearsal** – Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- **United Church of Christ Pohnpei Bible Study** – Wednesdays, 6 p.m. in J's Café
- **IYAA Bible Study** -- Wednesdays, 7:00 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