

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, November 17, 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: Invention No. 10 – *J.S. Bach*

Kanako Okita

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 98*

Leader: O sing a new song to the LORD. God has done marvelous things.

People: **Though we thought God had forgotten, we see in each dawn God's love for creation.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **We will burst forth with song and praises.**

Leader: With the breeze's sigh and the i'o's cry,

People: **With the waterfall's crash and the ocean's splash,**

All: **Let us sing for joy!**

Hymn #565: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Luke 21:5-19*

God of time, we look for signs of the future in the struggles of the present. What does it mean when the earth shakes? What does it mean when nations go to war? What does it mean when people are oppressed? In this time of worship, strengthen us so that whatever it might mean – whether an event is a sign of your will or just of our willfulness – we might endure it by your grace, and in our endurance rest our souls in you. 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

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: Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon: Lions, Lambs, and a Living Wage

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #563: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Each Sunday, we invite you to offer a gift toward supporting the common life of this church. Each Sunday, you contribute to establishing this place for worship; to compensating the labors of its pastoral, musical, and administrative leadership; to supporting people near and far through mission we share with one another and with

members of other congregations. Today, we ask you to also consider your giving in the coming year. As day follows day and week follows week, how will you contribute to our worship, our local ministries, and our world-wide mission? Bring your gifts for today; bring also your commitments for tomorrow. Let our offering and our pledges now be received.

Offertory: Valse Triste -- *Gillock*

Kanako Okita

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

Before you, O God, we place these gifts. Guide our use of them so that they do what we intend: contribute to the establishment of your realm. Before you, O God, we place our pledges, commitments made in faith and hope. Guide our fulfillment of them so that they do what we intend: contribute to the establishment of your realm, and to the opening of our own hearts. Before you, O God, we place our spirits. Guide us so that we may flower and bear fruit for you in joy. Amen.

Hymn #562: Take My Gifts (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #565: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Sonatina Op. 13 No. 1 1st mvt. -- *Kabalevsky*

Kanako Okita

Dates to Remember

Today, November 17 – Loyalty Sunday

Today, November 17 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Monday, November 18 – The Gathering Place, socialization at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith.

Tuesday, November 19 – Membership Information Session 6:30 p.m., Pastors Study

Sunday, November 24 – J's Mini Mart

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Stefan Tanouye

Flowers: Yuda family

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