

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Reign of Christ Sunday, November 24, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Reilly Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Improvisation On Simple Gifts—American Shaker Song, *arr. Gordan*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Luke 1:68-79*

Leader: Let us praise the LORD our God, who has looked upon humanity and given us renewal.

People: **God gave to us a mighty Savior, promised across the years.**

Leader: God showed the mercy promised to our ancestors.

People: **God kept the holy covenant.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, let the dawn break upon us from on high,

People: **to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Hymn #86: When Morning Gilds the Skies (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on Colossians 1:11-20*

From the moments even before time began, O God, you have given love and compassion to your universe. We honor you for Christ, firstborn of all Creation, through whom all things were made. In Christ all things hold together, for you have chosen to dwell in Jesus. For this we give you thanks and praise, and dare to hope in your salvation, the forgiveness of our sins and our inclusion in the body of Christ. In this time of worship, receive our earnest songs, as we share the inheritance of the saints in light. 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.

Dedication of Pianos

We give thanks to the Suzuki and the Takemoto families for the generous gifts of two pianos. One accompanies the choir during its Sunday morning rehearsals in the Lounge, and the other is available to groups using the Building of Faith Main Hall.

Introduction

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: O God, your world is filled with music.

Pastor: From the rumbling of the earth to the crashing of the ocean,

People: From the sighing of the wind to the rustling of the trees,

Pastor: From the humming of the bee to the purring of the kitten,

People: From the chirping of the songbird to the cooing of the child.

All: O God, your world is filled with music.

Pastor: From the trembling of the strings to the soaring of the flute,
People: From the echo of the drum to the calling of the trumpet,

Pastor: From the stirring of the organ to the rumble of the bass,
People: From the sweetness of the ukulele to the triumph of the human voice,
All: O God, your world is filled with music.

Pastor: We dedicate these instruments of music to you, O God, two pianos given with such love to this church. We dedicate these instruments to melodies that celebrate you, your Creation, and your boundless grace. We ask you to slow their falling out of tune, just as we would stay in harmony with one another. We ask you to inspire their players to keep in time, as we would keep tempo with our times and your will. We ask you to lighten the hearts of those who hear them, as we would raise the spirits of all your people, near and far. Bless all those who hear these pianos, O God, as we would bless all things in you. Let all the people say:

People: Amen!

Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: Today

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #300: Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

What is royalty in Christ? Grace. What is power in Christ? Grace. What is Christ's purpose in the world? Grace. Simply grace. Simply grace. And grace is our calling: grace to those we know and love, grace to those we know and do not care for, and grace to those we may never know. Let grace be your watchword as you live, and as you give. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Andante -- *Beethoven*

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

We thank you, heavenly Monarch, for your majesty of mercy. We thank you, Ruling Christ, for your power exercised in grace. We thank you, Holy Spirit, for your inspiring presence. Accept these grateful gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #303: Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #303: Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Now Thank We all Our God -- *Sigfrid Karg-Elert* Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, November 24 – J's Mini Mart

Monday, November 25 – The Gathering Place, socialization at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith.

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Celebration, 7 p.m., First United Protestant Church

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 30 – Hanging of the Greens, 9 a.m. in the sanctuary

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Carol Morioka, Julann Sonomura, Cheryl Sumida & Henry Nakamoto

Lay Reader: Reilly Narruhn

Flowers: Connie Yoshiyama

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Choir Director: Doug Albertson

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

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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