

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. David Popham, Guest Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jayson Rekis

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Tidings of Comfort and Joy – *Traditional carol, arr: Lorenz* Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Advent Candles – Jonathan and Jihey Roach**

Leader: What does a day of peace look like? To Isaiah, it looked like predators and prey sharing a home. It looked like a mountain on which nobody hurt or destroyed. To the Apostle Paul, it was a welcome of new people into a community united in joy and peace, believing in the love of Jesus Christ. To John the Baptist, it was a straight road and a new way of living, begun in repentance and continued in the Holy Spirit. What does peace look like to us?

**All Sing:**

**When the wars of nations cease,  
when the captives will find release,  
we will welcome the Prince of Peace,  
the babe who is the blessed child of Mary.**

*Tune: JOSEPH LIEBER, JOSEPH MEIN 7.8.8.11.*

Leader: In the first Advent candle, we lit a light for hope. In the second Advent candle, we kindle a light for peace. This light shines for all beneath the shadow of violence. This light shines for all those living in fear. This light shines for a world that is desperate for a true and lasting peace, a peace that embraces every human soul. This light shines for Peace.

**Hymn #108:** Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old (v. 1-2, 4)

### **Invocation**

**Holy and Gracious God, we are burdened with conflicts. Some arise within: We are torn between obligations, torn between desires, and yes, sometimes torn between temptations. Some arise without: when harsh words and even violence come to our homes, to our communities, to our neighbors. We are burdened with conflicts, O God, so bring us the wisdom to foster your peace, the peace that passes all understanding, the peace that will make a holy mountain where nobody hurts or destroys. Let the earth be as full of your knowledge, O God, as the waters cover the sea. 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:** Hallelu – *Steven Paulus*

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 11:1-10

**Sermon:** Stumps and Children

Rev. Dr. David Popham

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

### Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

**Hymn #109:** With Joy Draw Water (v. 1-5)

#### Invitation to the Offering:

Advent is the season of already and not yet. We await the celebration of Jesus' birth knowing that Jesus was born long ago. We await the reign of Peace knowing that God summoned us to peace long ago. We await the gift of a Savior knowing that the Savior has already been given to us. Bring now your offerings, knowing that we have them from the world God has created for us, and that they will be part of the world we reform to be more as God intended. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Infant Holy – *Polish Carol arr, Thygerson*

Kayleen Yuda

#### Doxology:

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau  
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō  
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū  
Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao.  
'Āmene

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Savior, shoot of Jesse, grow in us as a tree grows on the mountain. Let us be reshaped as the roots shift the soil. Let us be protected as the leaves fend off the summer sun. Let us be nurtured as the branches welcome the birds of the air. As you accept our gifts, O God, grow in us. Amen.**

**Hymn #125:** Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1-2, 4)

#### Benediction

**Choral Benediction Response #116:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 7)

#### Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

**Postlude:** Postlude for Christmas – *Czech Carol, arr Simone*

Kayleen Yuda

#### Dates to Remember

Today, December 8 – Council meeting after worship

Today, December 8 – Dedication of the Christmas Fund

Today, December 8 – Christmas Caroling 2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 9 – The Gathering Place, movie “Prep and Landing” at 9 a.m.,  
pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith.

Sunday, December 15 – Holy Listening after worship in the Building of Faith

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Dr. David Popham

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

**Ushers:** Moira Tanaka, Ruth Niino-DuPonte, Stefan & Jennifer Tanouye

**Lay Reader:** Jayson Rekis

**Flowers:** Bev Dodo

**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 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** -- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 pm in sanctuary