

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ, January 12, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting
Pastoral Welcome
Prelude

Woody Kita
Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 29*

Leader: The angels of heaven know the glory and strength of the LORD.

People: **The angels in heaven worship the LORD in the glory of God's name.**

Leader: They know that the voice of the LORD is powerful.

People: **They know that the mightiest trees bend and break before our God.**

Leader: May the LORD give strength to God's people!

People: **May the LORD bless God's people with peace!**

Hymn #164: Arise, Your Light Is Come (v. 1-4)

Invocation *Based on Acts 10:34-43*

So many years ago, O God, Jesus' friend Peter learned that you embrace all people, even those he would have dismissed. So many years ago, O God, and what have we learned from him? We on Earth still separate, still divide, still thrust away your people, your children, those you ask us to embrace. Grant us the forgiveness you promised through the prophets, O God, and accept our humble worship as we seek to live in your way. 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 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: Scrub-a-Dub

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #169: What Ruler Wades Through Murky Streams (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus offered himself to baptism to "fulfill all righteousness." We can fulfill our righteousness in our lives as well with kindness, humility, and generosity. Fulfill a portion of your calling with this gift. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

We are not perfect, O God. We try to follow you, and sometimes we succeed. We try to follow you, and sometimes we fail. Accept these gifts, we pray, and make them fulfillments of our calling. May they serve your people and your glory. Amen.

Hymn #167: Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #167: Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (v. 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, January 12 – Council Meeting after worship

Monday, January 13 – Gathering Place, 9:00 a.m. in the Building of Faith, Pickleball, 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Tuesday, January 14 – Caregivers Support Group, 10:00 a.m. in the Building of Faith

Tuesday, January 14 – East Hawaii Clergy Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Pastors Study

Sunday, January 19 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting after worship

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Joyce Nakamoto, Millie Daikawa, Michi Koizumi & Lei Jack

Lay Reader: Woody Kita

Flowers: Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama Families

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
- **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
- **Bedesta Church Bible Study** – Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.in the Meeting Room
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice** -- Fridays, 2:00 pm in the sanctuary
- **Community Sing** -- 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:00 pm in sanctuary