

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 26, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Ming Peng

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude:

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Isaiah 9:1-4*

Leader: The prophet Isaiah wrote: “In the former time God brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

People: “**But in this time God will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.**”

Leader: Certainly the people have lived in shadows.

People: **Certainly we have also seen a great light.**

Leader: Let us rejoice as people do when the harvest comes in abundance.

People: **Let us worship as gratefully as a people who have been set free.**

Hymn #490: I Want Jesus to Go with Me (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on 1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Gather us together, O God. Throughout the world people unite behind a leader: a leader of a nation or a leader of a party or a leader in a faith. Throughout the world the people struggle with one another over the leader, in the name of the leader, for the goals of the leader, for the benefit of this leader. May we, in this time, leave those leaders outside. May we, in this time, be drawn together in Christ. May we renew ourselves in the puzzling wisdom of our crucified Savior. May we be strengthened by the power of the cross. Come to us, Holy One, that we may be saved by the power of God. 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.

Scriptures: Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: Just a Little Fear

Rev. Eris S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #494: We Who Would Valiant Be (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

When we fear, we are likely to hoard things. We are likely to protect ourselves even at the expense of our neighbors. In courage, we extend ourselves. In courage, we share what we have for the benefit of the entire community. Take courage, friends. 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

Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in the courage we find in you. We offer them in the power we receive from you. We offer them in the love you share with us. Amen.

Hymn #413: By Gracious Powers (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #413: By Gracious Powers (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, January 26 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, January 26 – J's Mini Mart

Monday, January 27 – Gathering Place at 9:00 a.m. Pickleball, 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Ming Peng

Flowers: Ethel Yoshimasu & Teddy Mukai

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 sanctuary & 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