

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 2, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Barbara Iwami

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

Leader: In ancient days, Isaiah said that God would break the wisdom of the wise.

People: **“Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”** asked Paul.

Leader: In a crucified Messiah, in a Savior who would not rescue himself,

People: **We have our Christ: the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

Leader: God’s foolishness is wider than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

People: **So here we are, God’s chosen to shame the wise in our foolishness, to shame the strong in our weakness.**

Leader: Let us then raise our voices in praise to our God!

People: **In worship we will raise our hearts to our God.**

Hymn #180: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 15 and Micah 6:8*

Accept us, we pray, within your tent, O God. Accept us upon your holy hill. Do not turn us away in anger; do not reject us for our follies and our failings. Help us to do what is right, to speak truth from the heart, to keep slander from our tongues, and do no evil to friend or neighbor. May we not be moved by riches; may we never take a bribe against the innocent. Where we have done these things, O God, accept our

repentance: and may we have your guidance still to do justice, to love in earnest strength, and to walk humbly with our 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: The Name of God – *David Haas*

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: Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: They Will

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WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn: Blessed Are (v. 1-4) (insert)

Invitation to the Offering:

Our first offering, said Micah, should not be made with the trappings of wealth, neither the sheep and calves of ancient times or dollar signs of our day. Our first offering, said Micah, is our humility, accompanied by our love for one another and our commitment to a just society. Let these be first in your heart as you place your gifts before God today. 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 know that you are not content with these gifts, O God, if they are unaccompanied by lips that demand justice, hands that make love real, and lives lived humbly before you. We offer them in our meekness, in our grief, and in our need for your guidance and strength to make the world you desire. Accept them, we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER**Invitation**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup
Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation, then return to your pew and remain standing. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, please remain seated, and we will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Closing Hymn #347: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #347: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles
Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, February 2 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, February 3 – Gathering Place at 9:00 a.m. includes ukulele, singing and fellowship, pickleball, 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Wayne & Clarice Suzuki, Christian and Theone Albano

Lay Reader: Barbara Iwami

Flowers: Gloria Kobayashi

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