

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 9, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Janet Fujioka

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Prelude – *J. S. Bach*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on 1 Corinthians 2:1-16)*

Leader: Do not come to this time and place in search of soaring words or wisdom.

People: **We come to seek the wisdom of God as shown in the life and death of Jesus.**

Leader: Human beings will fail you. Our strengths all pass to weaknesses. Our knowledge is overwhelmed by ignorance.

People: **We seek instead the movement of the Spirit in its wonder and its power.**

Leader: Come not for human wisdom. Come for the power of God.

People: **We come to receive what God has prepared since ancient days: the love that is greater than all we imagine, the mind that is found in Christ.**

Hymn #524: This Little Light (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 112*

We praise you, O God, for your words of hope, for your words of assurance, and for your words of guidance. You have taught us your ways from generation to generation. In the justice you commend, in the mercy you direct, we find a light to shine for our community and a righteousness that helps us to stand. May we fear no evil and give freely from our blessings. May we delight in your love and commandments. 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: Open the Gates -- *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: Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: Preacher Obvious

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #311: Renew Your Church (v. 1-2, 4)

Reception of New Members:

Lorraine Davis (Reaffirmation of Faith)
Jihey Esther Roach (Transfer from Stratham Community Church UCC)
Jonathan C. Roach (Transfer from Stratham Community Church UCC)

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Sharing of the Covenant

All: We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God. We agree to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the entire world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did those who came before us, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Welcome:

Pastor: Let us, the members of Church of the Holy Cross UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering:

God has expectations of us. God wants things from us. More than worship, more than sacrifice, more than piety: God wants us to care for one another. With these gifts, we strive to care for one another together in this church. These gifts seek to honor God through our compassion. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Air -- Purcell

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

We wear no sackcloth and ashes today, O God. We come unburdened by fasting or self-deprivation. We bring these gifts, dedicated in your honor, and committed to the work of this church to feed hungry bodies and spirits. Accept them, bless them, and increase their effectiveness in your world we ask, O God. Amen.

Hymn #181: You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #181: You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: All Hail the Power -- *Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, February 9 – Reception of new members

Today, February 9 – Council Meeting after worship

Monday, February 10 – Gathering Place at 9:00 a.m. includes movie (to be announced); pickleball, 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Tuesday, February 11 – Caregivers Support Group at 10:00 a.m. in the Building of Faith

Thursday, February 13 – Prostate Cancer Support Group at 11:00 a.m. in the Lounge

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Wayne & Clarice Suzuki, Christian and Theone Albano

Lay Reader: Janet Fujioka

Flowers: Else Ushijima

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
- **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