

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 16, 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: Under His Wings – *Sarkey-Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Leader: Moses summoned the people of Israel to choose: follow the ways of God or follow other gods.

People: **Moses promised that the ways of God give life. He warned that the ways of other gods bring death.**

Leader: Moses called heaven and earth as witness to the choice they made that day. What will heaven and earth hear from us today?

People: **We will choose life. We will love the LORD our God. We will hold fast to the teachings of love and grace and peace.**

Leader: You who have chosen life: Come now and worship God!

Hymn #454: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on 1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

As in Corinth two thousand years ago, O God, there is discord in our church, among our churches, in our neighborhoods, around our world. We have not weaned ourselves from spiritual milk to nourish ourselves as adults in the Spirit. As Paul did in those days, we pray that you would raise us up to truly follow you. Make us your servants together; make us your field, make us your building. Make us your city on a hill, shining with welcome and grace. 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: Psalm 119:1-8
Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon: Can We Skip This Part?

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #544: Si Fui Motivo de Dolor, Oh Dios (v. 1 Spanish, v. 1, 3-4 English)

Invitation to the Offering:

Come offer your gift, not because all things are right between you and the people around you, but because you strive to make things right between you and the people

around you. Come offer your gift, and pray as you do for God's aid in reconciling the brokenness of the world. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Trusting Thee – *Broughton*

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

Bless these gifts, O God. Bless these givers. May your grace and compassion guide as we seek to renew ourselves, our community, and our world. Amen.

Hymn #442: I'm Pressing on the Upward Way (Higher Ground) (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #442: I'm Pressing on the Upward Way (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Praises -- *Eliot*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Monday, February 17 – Presidents Day Holiday – office closed

Monday, February 17 – Pickleball, 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Sunday, February 23 – Annual Membership Meeting after worship

Sunday, February 23 – J's MiniMart

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Wayne & Clarice Suzuki, Christian and Theone Albano

Lay Reader: Ming Peng

Flowers: Hats Kamimura

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Choir Director: Doug Albertson

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

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