

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Jayson Rekis

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: The Year's at the Spring -- *Price*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Matthew 4:1-11*

Leader: Like Jesus, we are tempted by the urgency of need and the fascination of power.

People: **Sometimes, like Jesus, we resist the temptation and hold fast to our faith in God.**

Leader: Sometimes, unlike Jesus, we choose the tempting path.

People: **In this time of worship, we pray for the wisdom to know what Christ would choose.**

Leader: In this time of worship, we pray for the strength to choose as Christ would choose.

People: **Let us worship God.**

Hymn #496: Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1-2)

Invocation *based on Psalm 32*

Happy are we when you forgive us, God, when we break our silence with confession, and lay our soul's regrets within your hands. Happy are we when we cease to deceive ourselves, when we cease to try deceiving you, and know the relief of a soul renewed. Accept our worship today, O God, from those who seek your steadfast love. Accept our worship today, O God, for we are glad in you, rejoicing in your mercy and your 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: Father You Are All We Need – *Eichelberger & Kensrue* 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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: So Much for Wisdom

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #211: Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

We come to God in all our imperfections, with all our limits, with all our sins. We come, and God welcomes us. We come to God with all our resources, with all our talents, with all our gifts. We come, and God welcomes us. Bring now some portion of your treasure to share with God. Bring it and be welcome. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Comfort and Rest -- *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

Accept these gifts, O God, a portion of our love for you and faith in you. Accept these gifts, O God, and guide our lives tomorrow into the ways of service. Accept these gifts, O God, and with them help us see your reign. Amen.

Hymn #336: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face (v. 1-2, 5)

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

Closing Hymn #547: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #547: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Be Thou Exalted -- *Nordman*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 1 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, March 2 – The Gathering Place, 9:00 a.m. Enjoy ukulele, singing and socialization, 1:00 p.m. pickleball in the Building of Faith

Sunday, March 8 – Council Meeting after worship

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator: Bob Smith
Ushers: IYAA: Jayson Rekis, Stuart Mori & Reilly Narruhn
Lay Reader: Jayson Rekis
Flowers: Irene Okada
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: P. "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