

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Transfiguration Sunday, February 23, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Woodland Flute Song -- *Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Whether the day is bright with sunshine or gray with clouds, we live in the mystery of God.

People: **The brilliance of the sun can dazzle our eyes. The shadows of the clouds can fall like shrouds.**

Leader: There is mystery in what is too large to take in. There is mystery in what is too small to perceive.

People: **What lies beyond the farthest star? What vibrates within the nucleus of the atom?**

Leader: God is greater than what we can see, than what we can know, than what we can imagine.

People: **The greatest mystery of all is the overwhelming depth and breadth of God's love. Let us worship God.**

Hymn #182: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (v. 1-3)

Invocation

In the days of the Exodus, you spoke to Moses from the swirling vapor, O God. You led the people through trackless desert as they followed a pillar of cloud. Through the shimmering veil, you gave direction. You gave form to their life together. You led them

in the ways of righteousness and freedom. Do the same for us now. From the obscurity of cloud, bring clarity to our lives as faithful followers of Jesus. 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: Exodus 24:12-18
Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: Shadows of a Bright Cloud

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #72: Sekai no Tomo (v. 1 Japanese, v. 1, 4 English)

Invitation to the Offering:

Peter offered to create a place of shelter for Jesus, for Moses, and for Elijah there on the mountain. He couldn't offer much – a temporary shelter at best – but he offered what he thought he could. God asked for something more. God asked for attention and attentiveness, for understanding and dedication. As you bring your offerings today, bring your attention as well. Let that be your first gift. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Andante – *Gluck*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: (Chuukese)

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin

Pun i echok a manaman

Sipwe mwareiti feilfoilo

Kot Sam, Kot Nau, Kot Ngunmifel—Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, our lives are filled with formlessness, with cloud-like days obscuring what is clear. Let our hearts, at least, be open to you this morning, for with these gifts we open up our hearts to you. Accept our loving faith as well as these our offerings. Amen.

Hymn #164: Arise, Your Light Is Come (v. 1-4)**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #580: O Kou Aloha No (v. 1)**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles****Postlude:** The Soldier of the Lord – Hughes

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, February 23 – J's MiniMart

Today, February 23 – Annual Membership Meeting after worship

Monday, February 24 – The Gathering Place, 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m. in the Building of Faith

Sunday, March 1 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson**Moderator:** Bob Smith**Ushers:** Wayne & Clarice Suzuki, Christian and Theone Albano

Lay Reader: Carolyn Lum-Bellem
Flowers: Theone Albano & Jill Suzuki
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