

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Gloria Kobayashi

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: The Sanctified Hour

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on John 3:1-17*

Leader: He came to see Jesus by night, when all was still, to ask about the reign of God.

People: **We come in the light of morning to still our busy-ness and ask the same question.**

Leader: How can anyone change their life? How can anyone break with their past?

People: **How can anyone surpass their limitations? How can anyone find birth in the Spirit?**

Leader: It can be done because God so loved the world as to send us Jesus.

People: **It can be done because God so loved the world as to bring us to eternal life.**

Hymn #24: Yigdal Elohim Chai (The God of Abraham Praise)

(v. 1 Hebrew, v. 1-2 English)

Invocation *based on Psalm 121*

We lift up our eyes to the hill, O God. Be our help. Be our help, O Maker of heaven and earth. Be the one who comforts us in slumber, preserve us from the evils of the day. Be our keeper and protector, be the one who keeps our life. Holy and Beloved One, keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore. 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: Abide With Me *arr. Sally DeFord*

Na Leo Ni'o Lani
Cheryl Shine, flutist

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 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon: Gifts and Wages

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #466: Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Our help comes from God. Our help also comes the world that God has made, the living things that God has made, and the people that God has made. Their help, in turn, comes

from God and comes from us. Let this moment be part of our help. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Father, We Praise Thee – *Price*

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

Take our gifts into your hands, O God, and give to them your blessing. Take our gifts into your hands, O God, and freshen them with your Spirit. Take our gifts into your hands, O God, and may their use and sharing build your reign. Amen.

Hymn #485: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #485: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Fanfare and Statement – *Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 8 – Council Meeting after worship

Monday, March 9 – The Gathering Place, 9:00 a.m. Enjoy the Korean movie, “Parasite”, which won the 2019 Academy Award for best film of the year, 1:00 p.m. pickleball in the Building of Faith

Thursday, March 12 – Peanut Butter Ministry

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: IYAA: Jayson Rekis, Stuart Mori & Reilly Narruhn

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

Flowers: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

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: 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