

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2020

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Jane Kawazoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Psalms 23 (He Leadeth Me) – Jordan

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 95*

Leader: Come, let us sing to the LORD, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **We come into God’s presence with singing. We will make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

Leader: Do not harden your hearts as so many have, testing the goodness of God even though they had seen it over and over again.

People: **We have seen the works of our God, and though we struggle, we will remember them when times are hard.**

Leader: Come, let us worship with heart and hands and soul. Let us sing to the LORD!

People: **We come into God’s presence with singing. We will make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

Hymn #326: Crashing Waters at Creation (v. 1-4)

Please join me in the Invocation *based on Romans 5:1-11*

We have heard, O God, that suffering produces endurance, that endurance produces character, and that character produces hope. We have heard that hope does not disappoint us because your love has flowed into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. So we have heard, and yet we still ask: be that ever-flowing stream of goodness in our lives, the Savior willing to die for us, the Reconciler eager to live for

**us. Be that One in whom we hope. Let our hopes be fulfilled as we worship you.
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 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 17:1-7
John 4:5-42

Sermon: Give Me Thirst

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #196: When, like the Woman at the Well (v. 1-2, 4-5)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus asked for water. He offered the water of life. In this moment, bring the cool refreshment of your gifts, obtained through labor much like the raising of water from a well. Bring your gifts, and receive the water of life. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: According to The Gracious Word – *Martin*

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

Savior of the world, we bring you these gifts, the stuff of our lives, made of rock and soil, muscle and toil, breath and perspiration. Give to us, we pray, the water of life, not as a reward, but as a precious gift to those who love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #35: O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #35: O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Song of Joy

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 16 – The Gathering Place, 9:00 a.m. socialization, games and fun; 1:00 p.m. pickleball in the Building of Faith

Sunday, March 22 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Sunday, March 22 – Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Jane Kawazoe

Flowers: Goya Family

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