

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
United Church of Christ - Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
June 2, 2013 - COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sacred elements for our Lord's Supper include
grape juice and wheat bread.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Words of Greeting & Concerns of the Church
Pastoral greeting and sharing peace

Reily Narruhn
Pastor Tom

Prelude:

Kayleen Yuda

Responsive Call to Worship: (Psalm 96 selected verses)

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
Tell of his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare God's glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
Such Wonder is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before the Lord;
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the Lord Glory and strength!

ALL: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; Say among
the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established;

God will judge the world in righteousness and the people in his
faithfulness.

***Hymn of Praise:** # 13 "O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"

***Invocation:** Creator God, we welcome you. Every day we place in your hands our trust and all our relationships. You are faithful forever. You call us to join you in standing up for those who are beaten down. You invite us to open our hearts and hands to give food to hungry people and shelter to the homeless. You announce freedom to the oppressed. You lift up those who fall into difficulty. Oh LORD, you love it when we do what is right. You watch over all outsiders and aliens who live in our land. You have chosen to take care of children whose fathers have died or deserted their families. You take care of widows. You cause confusion when evil schemers mislead the vulnerable. You, LORD, rule forever with mercy and wisdom in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Come enter our daily activities so that we honor your name in both body and soul till the very end of our days. **Amen**

*** Keiki Hymn:** # 319 "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD
Sharing with Children

*** Lord's Prayer** (Unison using "debts")

Anthem:

Scripture: Luke 7:1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this

for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

Sermon: "An Outsider's Trusting Faith" Pastor Tom

*** Hymn: #305 "Your Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim"**

Call to Confession: Can anyone hear the voice shouting, "Clean up your act in all the ways you live and in everything you do?" You yourself are a temple of the Holy Spirit – a place for the indwelling love of Christ?

Confession: (in unison) O God, when I read the newspaper, or open the utility bills, or take trash to the dump - I can see that the footprint of my responsibility is way beyond the limits of my personal desires. Help me to embrace accountability in caring for the environment and justice for all creatures in your world. Help me to insure quality education for every child. Help me to welcome strangers as neighbors and family. Help me see each person as a blessing from the hand of your creation. We confess our love. We confess our need. Now embrace us with a courageous willpower of new life in your

Holy Spirit so that we risk living by faith in Jesus Christ who offered himself so others might live. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Jesus said, "If you live by my example, living as I tell you, you are my disciples. Then you will experience for yourselves the joy of truth and integrity, and this truth will set you free." Amen.

*** Gloria Patri:**

Pastoral Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering: Believers live in wonderful harmony, holding everything in common – meeting the needs around them and sharing generous joy from the center of their souls.

Offertory:

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of dedication (unison):**

May our God's enduring hope flow into us with joy and calming peace. Come, Lord Jesus, enable our believing souls to have the ever expanding energized courage to share. Let your gift of the Holy Spirit be at work in us. Empower every resource available to us to serve Christ here in Hilo and in communities around the world. Amen

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*** Communion Hymn: #16 "Let Us with a Joyful Mind"**

Invitation to Communion - Pastor Tom

Consecrating the Bread

Consecrating the Cup

Pastor Cliff Cain

*** Sharing the Bread and the Cup-**

Please come forward as you are able to share in bread of and his cup of our salvation. While coming forward and sharing communion let us sing together:

***" Father, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.
Jesus, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, How I love you."***

*** Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction: Pastor Tom**

*** Choral Benediction Response:
Hymn #393 "Bless be the tie that binds"**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Stefan and Jennifer Tanouye, Ken and Lois Tanouye

Flowers: Sachi Fukada

Child Care: Mae Kawahara

Senior Minister: Thomas Olcott; ***Visiting Associate:*** Cliff Cain;

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane; ***Office Manager:*** Dennis Lin;

Choir Director: Pedro Kaawaloa; ***Organist:*** Kayleen Yuda;

Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson; ***Childcare Coordinator:*** Evonne Shiohita

Custodians: Sandra Kansou & Jimmy Kansou;

Vacation Bible School

Let's "Hop" to It! Church of the Holy Cross' Vacation Bible School is going to teach you how to Fully Rely on God. Explore how stories like David and Goliath and Daniel and the Lion teach us how to F.R.O.G.! Come and join us: June 18, 19, 20 - 5:00 pm - 7:45pm (dinner included) For ages Preschool - 6th grade. VBS is free, but please let the office know you plan to attend so we can be sure to be ready for you!

TENTING FOR TERMITES: During the week of June 3-7 our Church of the Holy Cross campus will be shut down to enable Veterans Extermination to fumigate all of our campus buildings. *All events at the church campus are suspended during the fumigation from June 3-7. If you need to reach our church for a Pastoral emergency during this time please call Pastor Cliff Cain at the parsonage at: (808) 315-7181, or call one of our deacons or our Church Moderator, Sue Smith at: 808-969-3729.*

WE WELCOME PASTOR CLIFF CAIN AS OUR NEW VISITING ASSOCIATE

Professor Cliff Cain is our new Visiting Associate. Professor Cain holds the C.S. Lewis Chair at Westminster College in central Missouri where he is Professor of Religious Studies. He previously served at Franklin College in Indiana in a similar capacity and was the Theologian-in-Residence at the University of Alabama on two occasions, served once as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Religion at Berea College in Kentucky. He has also served as Dean of the Chapel, as an Associate Pastor of the American Protestant Church in the Netherlands, and as a College Chaplain.

Professor Cain has written a trilogy on "religion and the environment." His most recent title in this series is "Many Heavens, One Earth."

As our Visiting Associate he arrived in Hilo, Wednesday, May 29, and will be with us through August 8, 2013.

While Pastor Tom is away for his granddaughter's graduation from high school (June 3 to 12) and on vacation in July, Pastor Cliff will provide pastoral ministry for our members, will preach and conduct worship on Sundays, and be on call as needed. **The Parsonage phone number remains as (808)-315-7181.**

We look forward to our opportunity to build bonds of friendship in ministry with Pastor Cliff.

