

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
United Church of Christ - Congregational  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
FATHERS' DAY - June 16, 2013

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

#### **Pre-Service Music**

#### **Pre-Service Gathering Music**

#### **Greeting & Concerns of the Church**

Pastoral Welcome with the Peace of Christ

**Ruth Niino-Duponte**

**Pastor Tom**

#### **Prelude**

**Kayleen Yuda**

#### **Call to Worship (Psalm 42 selected verses)**

**Leader:** As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for you, the living God. Where can I go and worship in your presence?

**People:** Day and night I cry, and tears are my only nourishment; all the time my enemies taunt me, "Where is your God?" My heart breaks when I remember the past, when I went to the house of God with a happy crowd, singing and shouting praise to God.

**Leader:** Why should we be sad or troubled? – You God declared your creation is so good! We will put our hope in you, God, and we will praise our Savior. When in loneliness our heart is broken, even then we turn our thoughts to Your presence.

**All:** We put our hope and trust in the Lord's grace, our savior, and our God! You are so good to Your People. The Holy Spirit and the love of Christ Jesus never fails us!" Amen.

#### **Worship: Hymn # 583 Please *Sing as:* "Like a Parent Who Walks Beside Us"**

\* **Invocation:** Glorious God, Creator of each and everyone. You declare creation good. Each day you renew the good for which we have been created. Motivate us with Your Spirit's vision for our maturity. Here, we bend in humility, awaken us to Your forgiveness; Here, take our hands, call us by name, heal our wounds; Teach us the dance of integrity and compassion; Show us how to plant the wisdom of life in our human hearts; Here, meet us with trust and truthfulness. Guide us with the disciplined experience of understanding love. Come and renew us in Jesus' courageous truthfulness. Thanks be to You, God of all that is, You are our Holy Father and our Sacred Mother. Source of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

#### **Keiki Hymn: #575 "O For A World"**

### **WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD**

#### **Sharing with Children –**

\* **Lord's Prayer** (Unison using `debts`)

#### **Anthem:**

**Scripture:** I Kings 21:1-10

Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in qJezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. After this Ahab said to Naboth, r"Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed

and turned away his face and would eat no food.

Jezebel, his wife, came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. And secured two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them.

**Sermon:** "Embracing Justice"

**Pastor Tom**

**\* Hymn # 52 "Dear God, Embracing Humankind" (Vs 1, 2, and 3)**

**Call to Confession:** To be blessed when we are at the end of our rope; when we struggle in the knowledge that when there is less of us,.. me,.. or my,.. there is more room for God to work within us. When God works within us it is always for the good. Let us give God space to live and work throughout our lives.

**Confession (in unison): Creating God, you are the Parent of our hope and abundant purpose. You are our very best chance to enter the embrace of goodness. It is OK for tears to dampen our cheeks as we open our hearts before You. Receive us as we are and renew us. Do not let any one be**

**tossed aside as a forgotten and lost cause. We place our whole life on Your salvation agenda. When you take note of our troubles, instruct us to be one in Christ's love. Fill any emptiness with Your compassionate wisdom. God, we thank you as we welcome the mercy of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit lift us in faith to do your will and share our capacity for goodness with others? Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** We are blessed when our inside thinking and searching energy - our mind and heart - are put right. Then we see God everywhere in all the sacred spaces of our outside world binding us as sisters and brothers with Jesus. Amen.

**\* Gloria Patri:**

**Pastoral Prayers of the People** (Please be seated) Pastor Tom

**Invitation to the Offering:** You, God, meet us as your servants in both hidden corners and the busyness of our daily activity. Now, we bring gifts of thanksgiving and celebration from our garden of hope and our creative desire. We place ourselves into Your Son's sacred care and service. May our commitment and service strengthen the Church in Hawai'i and around the world. Amen.

**Offertory:**

**\* Doxology**

**\* Prayer of dedication: We empty all that we treasure into Your mercy for the world, O God, you are the healing parent of all our moments and our days. Let Your Spirit breathe the air of hope to strengthen us for service through these gifts which we bring before your Holy Cross. Bless parents of every generation who teach your courageous love. Help us meet the needs of the world with commitment through mission and ministry in Your name as a blessing.**

May we give You glory through Jesus, our Lord and Savior to strengthen Your Church. Amen

\* **Sung Response:** *"All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen."*

\* **Hymn:** #448 "Take My Life, Let It Be"

\* **Benediction:**

\* **Choral Benediction Response:** # 580 Queen's Prayer (vs 1)

\* **Extinguishing of the Alter Candles**

**Postlude**

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Ushers:** Stefan and Jennifer Tanouye, Ken and Lois Tanouye

**Child Care:** Jane Kawazoe

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

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

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

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

Evonne Shioshita **Custodians:** Sandra Kansou & Jimmy Kansou

***Vacation  
Bible School  
at the  
Church of the Holy Cross  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
June 18, 19, and 20  
5:00 to 7:45 PM  
Dinner provided***

## ***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!

### *Weekly activities at your Church of the Holy Cross*

- **Choir Rehearsal** Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- **Sunday School** on summer break until August.
- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the sanctuary on Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
  - **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei – Hilo** worships in the BF meeting room this morning.
  - **The Samoan Church** worships in the sanctuary at 3 pm today.
  - **Bible Study** Monday 6:30-8:00 PM
  - **King Kamehameha Holiday** (Office closed)
  - **Rhythm & Life exercise class** meets Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (BF)
  - **Bible Study** Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m.
  - **IYAA Bible Study** is held each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m.
  - **Qi Goong exercise class** meets Friday morning 9-10:30 a.m. (BF)

**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, lead Bible Study, will preach, conduct worship on Sundays, and be on call as needed. **The Parsonage phone number remains as (808)-315-7181.**

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