

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
United Church of Christ - Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
June 23, 2013

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Pre-Service Gathering Music

Greeting & Concerns of the Church
Pastoral Welcome with the Peace of Christ

Woody Kita
Pastor Cliff Cain

Prelude

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: God glories in God's Creation. How clearly the magnificent sky reveals God's glory! How plainly the heavens encompass the conditions and changing seasons of our lives!

People: Each day announces itself to the following day; each night repeats itself to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet the message goes out to the entire world and is heard to the ends of the earth. One day is renewed by another!

Leader: The wind blows where it will. The glorious sun rises in the morning like a happy bridegroom embracing the expectation of human hearts. It runs like an athlete eager to race onto the playing fields of our lives. Nothing is hid from its warmth. The law of the LORD is perfected in humility and wondrous grace; it gives new strength and nourishes our growth.

All: The commands of the Lord's love are trustworthy, giving wisdom and guidance to those who lack it. The laws of the Lord are right, and those who obey them are happy and set their heart on following the path of Jesus. Amen.

Worship: Hymn # 86 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*** Invocation: LORD, come and walk with us. Grant us open minds for wisdom and understanding. Grant us open arms to embrace the challenges of your blessings in the days of our lives. May our actions announce reverence for Your goodness! May our judgments reflect Your justice and fairness! Your love, O Lord, is more desirable than the finest gold and sweeter than the purest honey. Your pathway guides our desire for knowledge as we join You in service and compassion. We are rewarded with blessings when we honor your forgiveness and share your grace with the people we meet. It is then that we find freedom from the evil of sin. In our worship this day, may our words and our thoughts be acceptable to You. Gracious God, bless us with the abundance of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Keiki Hymn: # 31 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD

Sharing with Children –

Pastor Cliff

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

Anthem: IYAA

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

"On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care if we perish?' And he awoke and rebuked the

wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?' And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?'"

Sermon: "Take Courage"

Pastor Cliff

*** Hymn # 493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

Call to Confession: "None of us can see our own errors; deliver us, LORD, from hidden faults! Keep us safe from willful sins, and don't let them rule over us. For then we shall find perfection and freedom for our spirit, day-in and day-out!"

Confession (in unison): Eternal God, probe the dark corners of my doubts. Clear my disposition of any frustrations and confusion. Help me to welcome You into the hidden chambers of my soul. See all of us for who we really are, and guide us as an expression of Your love to become our best. Look at the broken moments of our fears. Enable us to heal the wounds of the past. May our commitment to love You and all people, be nourished by your grace. Empower our faithfulness with integrity. Steer our journey on difficult roads so we genuinely honor each person every day. Sign-us-up as ambassadors of peace and justice in whatever we are doing, now and forever. Through Jesus who is the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: "The gracious and tender mercy of God pulls our lives together and points us on the roadway of service. Because God loves us, God forgives us!" Amen.

*** Gloria Patri:**

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

Invitation to the Offering: "God claims the earth and everything in it, the world and every creature that lives on it. God has blessed us with the gift of life. Like cool water, God refreshes our thirst for compassion. God waits for us to bless the world with overflowing faithfulness to Jesus Christ as expressed now in our tithes and offerings."

Offertory:

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of dedication: Creator God and Holy Spirit of truthfulness, guide our Church of the Holy Cross to new and renewed paths of service in mission and ministry. We give thanks for Vacation Bible School this past week. Come and continue to help us to grow with transforming faith as a congregation. May we truly meet the needs of people here in Hilo, in Hawai'i, and around the world. May we invite people to embrace Your Son's joy. Accept now these tithes and offerings, including the Family Thank Offering. And, we also offer ourselves as your ambassadors in service, and we commit ourselves to trust the abundant fullness of Your blessings through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

*** Hymn: #43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

*** Benediction:**

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

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Stefan and Jennifer Tanouye, Ken and Lois Tanouye

Child Care: Jean Kita

Chapel Decorations: Betty Pacheco, Blanche Maeda, Jenny Kondo

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

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Choir Director: Pedro Ka'awaloa

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Custodians: Sandra Kansou & Jimmy Kansou

*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
 - **Gentle Yoga** Monday 9:30-10:30am (BF Meeting Room)
 - **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 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.**