

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

United Church of Christ - Congregational

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

June 30, 2013

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Words of Greeting & Concerns of the Church Carol Morioka

Pastoral Welcome and Sharing Christ's Peace Pastor Tom

Prelude Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: My friends as we open our worship today let us affirm in unison the Mission Statement of The Church of the Holy Cross:

ALL: "We the members (and friends) of the Church of the Holy Cross dedicate ourselves to follow the guidance of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We are committed to the glorification of God that includes proclamation of the word, good music, prayers, celebration of the Sacraments, and sharing our joys and concerns.

With Faith, Hope and Love We as a church shall...

- Live the Christian Faith - Teach Christian Values - Carry the Good News of Jesus Christ - Minister to All People - Support Mission Projects in Our community and Our World - Provide Facilities, Staff and Resources to implement Our Mission

Through prayer and God's guidance, we will recognize, nurture and utilize the unique talents and gifts of our members to become Faithful Stewards of Our World."

Leader: May we so live and serve in the presence of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit that we engage in the *building of faith* throughout the all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

***Hymn # 67 "Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling"** Vs 1,2, & 3

* **Invocation:** Most Holy God, we stand forever in your presence as you call and send us into the experiences of our lives. Whenever we face trouble, we seek your encouragement. When we sense achievement grant us humility to offer thanksgiving. If we cry aloud or moan in silence, we know you will hear us even when it seems we are beyond comfort. May your mercy overcome our doubt and strengthen our spirits with joy. We admit we are speechless as we remember relationships in which you poured blessing out before us. So now, in daylight and darkness, help each of us to share the power of your forgiveness. Allow us to be reconciled with fear and strengthened with faith and hope. We turn to you in this hour in our love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Keiki Hymn** "Sweet Chariot Coming For to Carry Me Home"

Chorus 1

Swing low sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Sing low sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home

Verse 1

I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home

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Verse 2

If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me home
Tell all my friends I'm coming too
Coming for to carry me home

Verse 3

I'm sometimes up I'm
sometimes down
Coming for to carry me home
But still my soul feels heavenly
bound
Coming for to carry me home

WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD

Sharing with Children -

Pastor Tom

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

Anthem:

IYAA

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2 and 6-14

Now Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal and the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind. Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." ... Later Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So, the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

As they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then Elisha took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Elisha took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over."

Sermon: "Pick Up the Mantle: Put on your working clothes!"

Pastor Tom

Hymn: # 377 "Forward Through the Ages"

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE

Call to Confession: Joyful is the person who sets their heart on God; anxiety has no power over them. Seek a pure heart and become part of the transforming mystery of creation.

Confession (in unison): Christ examine us so we can clearly see the close relationship between our love for you, and our love for family, neighbors, strangers, and all of creation. Help us each day to ask ourselves what does God love and how can I share in bringing this love to life. Holy Spirit, where I have forgotten to love as You have loved us, heal my weakened energy to lift the souls of those around me with grace and forgiveness. Let our love embrace the hurt of hardened hearts with forgiving grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: My brothers and sisters are those who know the will of God and do it. Now, you yourself know Christ's love reaches to the farthest corners of this world, and heals your own wounded soul with peace and mercy. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri:**

Pastoral Prayer/ Prayers of the People (Please be seated)

Pastor Cliff

Invitation to the Offering: "Our offering of glory and honor to God seeks to embody within us practices that help all the followers of Jesus to live faithfully in a broken world. You yourself can lift the love of Christ in all your words and actions. By generous grace you can bless this world each and every day.

Offertory:

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of dedication:** Lord of life, as the Synod of the United Church of Christ draws people together from across our great land we pray for wisdom and grace for those who represent us – especially for Elwood Kita, and other delegates from the Hawaii Conference. May our gifts this day strengthen the mission of your church universal to meet the needs of the broken hearted here at home and at great distances? Bring our resources to offer peace and cooperative human compassion in ways that inspire justice and love through Jesus Christ. Amen

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

*** Benediction:**

Pastor Tom

*** 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: Saeko Hayashi

Chapel Decorations: Gloria Kobayashi

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 Shiohita

*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.
 - **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm today.
 - **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)
 - **July Service Day** on Saturday, July 27, 2013

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.**