

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
United Church of Christ-Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
July 14, 2013

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Words of Greeting & Concerns of the Church **Karl Kawahara**

Pastoral Welcome and Sharing Christ's Peace **Pastor Cliff**

Prelude **Kayleen Yuda**

Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we pray for all the faithful across all generations. For we have heard of their faith in Christ Jesus and of their love for God's people and all creation.

Response: We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for the world. We celebrate other nations and people who live by grace in Christ Jesus with love for all God's people.

Leader: When the Good News first came to us, we heard about the hope it offers. Our faith and love multiplied and has been based on what we hope for, which is kept safe for us in God's kingdom both in heaven and on earth.

Response: Praying for one another, we ask God to fill each person with the knowledge of Christ's sacred love that overflows with wisdom and understanding through the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Glory and honor to God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Peace and grace for the whole of creation. Amen.

***Hymn #73 "Enter, Rejoice and Come in"**

*** Invocation:** Lord Jesus, come and be with us every day. You are the visible likeness of the invisible God. We seek to serve with you in humble joy and praise. Through you, God created everything with blessing in heaven and on earth. We welcome your presence at work in all things both seen and unseen. Gracious God, come to us as healing mercy, creating within us wholeness that gives glory and honor through your Holy Spirit. We hail Jesus, who is the head of every church. Christ, we welcome you as the guiding source of our life in this congregation. Through your presence here at the Church of the Holy Cross, we celebrate God's joyous work to restore the whole universe with peace and justice. **Amen.**

***Keiki Hymn #541 "They Asked, 'Who's my Neighbor?'"**

WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD

Sharing with Children

Pastor Cliff

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

Anthem: "What a Wonderful World" **JP, Cliff, Kayleen**

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him,

and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Sermon: "Who is My Neighbor?"

Pastor Cliff

Hymn: #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE

Call to Confession: At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. But now, by means of the crucifixion and death of his Son, God has made you his friends, in order to bring you—holy, pure, and faultless—into God's presence.

Confession (in unison):

God who loves us, you have given us your peace and restored all things to unity with mercy and compassion, both on earth and in heaven. We seek to continue to be faithful on a firm and sure foundation—Jesus Christ—and pray that we do not allow ourselves to be shaken from the hope which only you can provide. Grant that we might be transformed as faithful servants by the grace of Christ and overcome any errors, mistakes, or hateful deeds and thoughts. And may our

forgiveness of others bring glory and honor to your holy name by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

"Christ is in you, which means that you will share in the glory of God. You will be able to live as the Lord wants and will do what pleases him. Your lives will produce all kinds of good deeds, and you will grow in your knowledge of God." Amen.

*** Gloria Patri:**

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

Pastor Cliff

Invitation to the Offering: Lord, grant that we may believe in our hearts, declare with our mouths, and prove by our deeds how your spiritual grace invites us to embrace the world with your generous mercy.

Offertory:

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication (unison): Receive these gifts which we bring to build up the ministry and mission of your church. Call from among us, servants who so love you that they will give of themselves to bless others throughout the activities of this week. Receive us as your own, empower us to welcome every child of God—every human person—as we would welcome your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: #584 "I Am the Light of the World"

Benediction:

Pastor Cliff

* **Choral Benediction Response:**
Hymn #580 "Queens Prayer" (vs. 1)

* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude "When the Saints Go Marching In"
Kayleen, Dennis Lin, JP, Cliff, Naomi

Please join us in refreshments after service.

Ushers: James and Connie Yoshiyama, Carol Morioka, Amy Saito,
Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Child Care: James Yoshiyama

Chapel Decorations: Lily Inouye

Refreshments: Anne Sadayasu, Jennie Kondo, Emi Katada

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*

- **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.
 - **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm 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
 - **Church Picnic** on August 11, 2013 after service (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.**