

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
United Church of Christ-Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
July 28, 2013

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Words of Greeting & Concerns of the Church

Gloria Kobayashi

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

Prelude **Kayleen Yuda**

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 112)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Response: Happy is the person who stands in awe of God, who delights big-time in God's commandments.

Leader: Light rises in the darkness for those who strive to be good and moral.

Response: For the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: So it goes well with the one who deals generously and fairly with other people.

ALL: This woman or man is steady in moral resolve, and trusts in God.

***Hymn of Praise: #471 "What a Covenant"**

*** Invocation:** We bow our heads in humility before the abundance of God who comes to bless humanity. May the Spirit of the Living God strengthen our inner life when we welcome God into the sanctuary of our souls. Enable us to stand firm with unconditional love and extravagant forgiveness. May our arms reach out and broaden our desire to show the love of Christ toward anyone we meet. Such grace will stretch our patience, deepen our mercy, and expand our vision of God's embrace. God is already allowing us to serve in ways far greater than we have yet imagined. Come dwell with us, O mighty God, and show us the wonders of your ways in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Keiki Hymn: #555 "Here Savior in this Quiet Place" (vs. 1-4)**

WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD

Sharing with Children

Pastor Cliff

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

Anthem: "The Lord's Prayer"

Pedro Ka'awaloa

Scripture: Luke 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Sermon: "Whispers" **Pastor Cliff**

Hymn: #460 "Be Not Dismayed"

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE

Call to Confession: We learn to worship God when our pride is shattered. In the moment of deepest despair, the heart is ready to receive the attention God offers with love. (Psalm 51:17)

Confession (in unison):

Gracious God, when we have forgotten your grace, fill us with more ability to forgive others than we could expect.

And when we have said the wrong thing, open us up with prayers of hope and encouragement. When we drop the

ball of responsibility, help us to catch your vision of unconditional acceptance. Take what we have, and

sharpen our love of Christ so it flows through us to heal a wounded world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Lord, you delight in the repair of human lives. As you mend us with grace and forgiveness, enable us to do the same for others in the love of Christ Jesus. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri**

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

Pastor Cliff

Invitation to the Offering: There is nothing that we touch that has not been blessed by God's grace. So, we have the ability to provide help even when we think we have emptied our blessings; for if we reach deeper, we will scatter joy and widen the horizon of our love.

Offertory:

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication (unison):** Everyone we meet has received the secret grace of God with every breath we take. May our lives be made worthy of the abundant compassion you have placed in our care. Let us work on our holiness, in Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: #497 "Guide My Feet"

Benediction:

Pastor Cliff

*** Choral Benediction Response: #496 Ekolu Mea Nui**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

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

Child Care: Kay Kawachika

Chapel Decorations: Toki Fujimoto

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

Weekly activities at your Church of the Holy Cross

- **Sunday School** begins on August 4th, 2013 at 8:45am in Building of Faith.
- **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.**