

# **THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**United Church of Christ-Congregational**

**440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i**

**August 4, 2013**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Sacred elements for our Lord's Supper include grape juice and wheat bread.**

**Sunday School Begins 8:45am in Building of Faith**

**This is Cliff Cain's last Sunday with us as our Visiting Associate.**

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Pre-Service Music**

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

**Jean Pierre Thoma**

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

**Prelude**      **Kayleen Yuda**

**Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 107:1-9, 43)

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**Response:** **The sacred love of the Holy One endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.**

**Leader:** Yes, let everyone who has been rescued from trouble praise the Lord.

**Response:** **Praise the Lord. We gather together from every street and neighborhood of our community. We have come to worship.**

**Leader:** Praise the Lord; because from your difficulties you have sought God's grace, and you are ready to be freed from any

distress. You have turned to the path of faith, the straight way, and seek to live by God's guidance.

**ALL: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord; let us thank God for the grace of nourishing love, and for the skill and talent with which God has blessed all humanity. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: #473 "Blessed Assurance"**

**\* Invocation: Gracious and ever-present God, we know that you are with us even when we cannot see you, or even when we close our hearts and eyes to your kindness. We know you travel great distances caring for the needs of this world and all people. You remind us of the universe, reaching far beyond and above us, yet your transcending love shines the light of hope with love and forgiveness into even the darkest corners of our fear or anxiety. We look to see your face blessing our families and our friends as you have already joined us in our relationships. You remind us that all we have to do is embrace the love of your presence in Jesus Christ right here, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and for this we welcome you with thanksgiving today, and for the future. Amen.**

**\*Keiki Hymn: #46 "Hope of the World"**

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

**Sharing with Children**

**Pastor Cliff**

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

**Anthem:** "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

**Scripture:** Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

**Sermon:** "Somewhere Under the Rainbow"

**Pastor Cliff**

**Hymn: #417 "This is the Day of New Beginnings" (vs. 1-4)**

**WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE**

**Call to Confession:** If any one feels estranged with a mind caught in conflict and feels they might make the wrong choice, know that you can be reconciled in Christ Jesus. Let us confess our need for grace...

**Confession (in unison):**

**God, sometimes our lives are like unsolved mysteries. We need to make choices which seem to be both right and wrong at the same time. Help us to admit our doubts, to confess our confusion, and free ourselves from the need to control everything we touch. Help us to be kind and to treasure and value our relationships with everyone we meet. Grant us the capacity to be encouraging and understanding, as well as patient in the ways we care for this, your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**As we have welcomed and received Jesus Christ as Lord, may we continue to live our lives in him, rooted and nourished by faith; and now, let us all abound with thanksgiving. Amen.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Anthem: The Pohnpeian Congregational Choir**

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

**Pastor Tom**

**Invitation to the Offering: Let the moments of our days become a blessing for the work of God's compassion in everything we touch. Amen.**

**Offertory:**

**\* Doxology**

**\* Prayer of Dedication (unison):** We commit ourselves to join with you, God, to nurture and nourish the community and environment around us. We pledge to join our neighbors in sharing the resources of your grace as we seek to find ways for us to open new doors of opportunity where there is need for your friendship to be at work in us with those who long for your compassion. Fill our souls with wisdom and grace so we can faithfully join you in service with love through Jesus Christ. Amen

### **SERVICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

**\* Communion Hymn: #332 "As We Gather at Your Table"**

<b>Invitation to Communion</b>	<b>Pastor Tom</b>
<b>Consecrating the Bread</b>	<b>Pastor Tom</b>
<b>Consecrating the Cup</b>	<b>Pastor Cliff</b>

**\* Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**Please come forward as you are able, to share in bread of love and Christ's cup of our salvation. While coming forward and sharing communion, let us sing together:**

***" Father, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.  
Jesus, I adore you, Lay my life before you, How I love you.  
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, How I love you."***

**\* Following communion, please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.**

**Hymn: #448 "Take My Life, God, Let it Be"**

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction: Pastor Cliff**

**\* Choral Benediction Response:  
#393 "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"**

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude Kayleen Yuda**

**Please join us for a farewell reception in the Building of Faith for Cliff Cain. Today is his last Sunday with us as our Visiting Associate. His flight back to the mainland leaves on Thursday, August 8, in time for him to begin his classes as Harrod-C.S. Lewis Professor of Religious Studies at Westminster College in Missouri. We have appreciated Pastor Cliff's genuinely warm spirit of "Aloha" for us and the greater Hilo Community. Cliff, may God's blessings go with you!**

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

**Child Care:** Roberta Chu

**Chapel Decorations:** Ichiko Hisanaga and Anne Sadayasu

**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 Practice** is at 8:30am in the Sanctuary on Sundays.
- **Sunday School** begins today August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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)
- **Church Picnic** on August 11, 2013 after service (BF)