

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
October 6, 2013 - WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

**Pre-Service Music**

**Words of Greeting and Concerns of the Church** Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ** Pastor Tom

**Prelude** Cindy Debus

**Responsive Call to Worship / Alternating** [UCC Faith Statement]

**Puna (Lanikaula Street side):** We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God or our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**Hamakua (Building of Faith side):** *You judge people and nations by your righteous will as declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.*

**Puna:** You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

**Hamakua:** *You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.*

**All: You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen."**

\***Hymn:** # 419 "Now Thank We All Our God" (English verses)

\***Invocation:**

"God, You created our dwelling places throughout Your wide earth. We see Your Servant Jesus walking with so that we will never forget we share our lives with all the world and all creatures great and small. Inspire us to serve with mercy and justice as advocates of human dignity and the sacredness of life. Let us live so all people can know Your love. Help us to volunteer time as well as resources to encourage each other as sisters and brothers of Jesus. May we welcome every neighbor, stranger, even our enemies in partnership with our commitment to You, O God. Amen."

\* **Keiki Hymn:** # 562 "Take My Gifts"

**WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD**

**SACRED BAPTIST OF MIKAEL KAI HONG SEIJI LEUNG  
BORN AUGUST 25, 2013 TO TIMONS LEUNG AND MARI KOBAYASHI**

**ARREN KAI HING LEUNG  
ANNDREA MEI JUN LEUNG**

**Sharing with Children**

\* **Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

Anthem

**Scripture: Psalm 37:1-9**

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!  
For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.  
Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.  
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!  
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!  
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**Sermon:** "Patient Enduring Faith in God's Ways"                      Pastor Tom

## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**\*Hymn:** # 576 "For the Healing of the Nations"    (Vs. 1 & 4)

## **OUR PRAYERS**

**Call to Confession:** Jesus seeks reconciliation for all broken relationships, He desires open hearts and offers healing for any who are alienated. Christ seeks justice for any who suffer from oppression. "May the peace of Christ be upon us for the good."

**Confession: [In unison]**

**"Ever present God, challenge us and confront us with the error and weakness of our ways. Test our hearts and minds to embrace Your steadfast mercy and forgiveness. Give clarity to our vision. We want to walk without stumbling in our faithfulness with you. We confess we need the ability to forgive others as we seek the courage to make sacrifices to heal our wounded world. Show us how to take up the cause of those forgotten and put down by their brothers and sisters. Keep us from abusing any privileges of human understanding, of**

**compassion, and of love. Teach us, O Creator, to welcome equal participation across any borders or barriers with all people, each and every day of our lives. A-men."**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

"If the Lord had not been on our side we would have choked on our transgressions and not been able to swallow God's holy cup of forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." A-men.

**\*Gloria Patri** (An inclusive language version of the Gloria is # 759 in the Hymnal. The traditional version is:

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.")

Anthem: **The Pohnpeiann Congregational Choir**

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

(Just before the Pastoral Prayers/Prayers of People, the pastor will pass through the congregation collecting Prayer Requests. Please raise your hand to indicate that you have a Prayer Request.)

**Invitation to Offering:** The whole of creation is on tip-toe to see the wonderful sight of the daughters and sons of God coming into their own. Each one of us has been given the gift of life. My we come to share the abundance of grace as servants of God's blessing.        Amen.

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology** # 780 or # 781

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

"Into Your hands, Great Sustainer of creation, we commit ourselves with all people, as one family in faith around the world, united in the hope of Jesus Christ. We bring before you our support for our Neighbors in Need by this offering. May our gifts enable people to experience Your love and care. Into Your guiding power, we place our resources and our concerns as we sanctify our pledge to work side-by-side with Your Holy Spirit. A-men."

**\*Sung Response** All things come from thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own have we given thee. Amen.

### **WORLD WIDE HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** # 395 "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

**Invitation** Pastor Tom Olcott

Litany of the Bread B (Examples of Bread from around the world will be taken from the altar and placed on the Communion Table)

Reader: (Reverend Henry Wilson, Pohnpeiann Church) - People will come from east and west and north and south, and take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God. We bring this pita bread in celebration of the people of the Middle East. We honor our brothers and sisters who live in the midst of conflict and we pray with them for the peace of Christ to break forth. We thank them for the witness of courage they bring to us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: IYAA – Women - We bring this banana bread in celebration of the people of the Caribbean and tropics. We honor our brothers and sisters who struggle in the midst of poverty and we pray with them for the justice of Christ to break forth. We thank them for the witness of joy they bring to us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Eric Tanouye - We bring these corn tortillas in celebration of the native peoples of the Americas. We remember our brothers and sisters who seek to honor the integrity of creation and we pray with them for the healing of Christ to break forth upon the earth. We thank them for the witness of reverence they bring to us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Ken Fanolua (UH Student), Samoan Church - We bring this rice in celebration of the peoples of the Asia. We honor our brothers and sisters who are the first to greet a new day and we pray with them for the humility to

treasure each day that is given to us. We thank them for the witness of respect they bring to us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: IYAA – Men - We bring this ulu (or poi!!!) in remembrance of the people across the Pacific. We honor our brothers and sisters who work to keep love and aloha between people strong even while technology seeps in to separate people. We pray with them for the love of Christ to grow deep. We thank them for the witness of aloha they bring to us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Gloria Kobayashi - We bring this empty bowl to honor of the people of the world who woke today in hunger and will sleep tonight in hunger. We honor our brothers and sisters who struggle to survive and we pray with them for Christ's call to feed all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We thank them for their witness, which reminds us to put our greed away.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Consecration of the Cup**

Pastor Tom

Please come forward to receive Communion sharing the bread of life and cup of salvation in service with one another. **Please sing "Let Us Break Bread Together" as we all come forward for Communion.** Pastor Tom, Rev. Sunia, and Rev. Wilson will serve those who are unable to rise and approach the Communion Table. Those who are able are asked to form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction**

Pastor Tom

**\*Benediction Response:** Hymn: # 393 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

Extinguishing the Altar Candles

**Postlude**

Cindy Debus

**Ushers:** Ben Masutomi, Reiko Masutomi, Setsuko Takemoto,  
Dorothy Matsui, Tammy Nagami

**Child Care:** Lolita Tanouye

**Chapel Decorations:** Michi Enomoto

**Senior Minister:** Thomas Olcott **Visiting Associate:** Jason Chu

**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** at 8:45am.
- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the sanctuary on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei – Hilo** worships in the BF meeting room this morning.
- **Samoan Church** worships at 3pm on Sundays.
- **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)
- **Toastmasters** meet in the Lounge Tuesdays at 12pm

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am-4:30pm

OUT OF OFFICE: 11am-12pm

CLOSED

Tuesday, Thursday

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**OCTOBER 13, 2013**

**After worship**

**To take discuss and approve 2014 proposed budget and election of officers for 2014.**

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

**FOR**

**PASTOR TOM OLCOTT**

Saturday, October 26, 2013

5:00PM

Building of Faith

Catered Dinner

Call Dennis Lin at the Church Office

808-935-1283 or sign up sheet at church by **October 16, 2013.**

**Please sign up so we can have a head count.**

**All Saints Sunday and Homecoming**

**Sunday, October 27, at our 10:00 AM Worship Service**

**Potluck lunch in Building of Faith after service**

If you have had a loved friend or relative die within the last year (since October 28, 2012) and would like to have their name remembered in the Sunday Bulletin and read during the lighting of the candles, please call the church office 808-935-1283 during office hours and provide the spelling of their name and the month in which they died.

