

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
United Church of Christ - Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Disabilities Access Sunday – A Place for Everyone
October 13, 2013

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Words of Greeting & Concerns of the Church	Molina Rekis
Pastoral Welcome Sharing Christ's Peace	Pastor Tom Olcott
Prelude	Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Teach us to wisely use each and every day. Help us to open the pathways of opportunity for all people. Confront us, LORD! Don't wait for us to get things going on our own! In this hour, on this morning, let your love abound in us with grace. Call us to commitment.

People: We celebrate and are abundantly glad for all the time we have been given to live in relationship with Christ and one another. Spirit of all Creation, make us thankful for both moments when we either experience trouble or bountiful joy – for then we are stretched to grow in faith and love!

Leader: God of compassion, you do wonderful things for us, your disciples. You show your mighty power to our children, even when their eyes sparkle with laughter or cry with sorrow! May all people embrace the dance of life in your glory!

All: O Lord, treat us with compassion and ignite our desire to seek justice as you guide us with the wisdom of your creation. Fill us with courage when we seek to walk in the footsteps of your Son Jesus. By the mercy of your Holy Spirit, may we hear Christ's voice as we answer his call saying, "Come Lord Jesus live within us now, and always!"

*** Hymn of Praise # 55: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"**

*** Invocation: Greet us Creator of each and every day! Your steadfast love never gives up on us. You never quit. Be present in the women, men, and children who surround us. Help us to seek and find your grace each hour. When we are in trouble, You, God, redeem us, and invite us to enter your power of forgiveness. Speak, God, let your Spirit whisper with truth for every hunger in our hearts. When we grieve, God, you shed tears of understanding and bless us with hope. God look through our eyes, show us how to focus beyond ourselves and experience your Son's promise for the world. Come with your Holy Spirit, transform us with love in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

***Keiki Hymn # 359 "O God, Who Teaches Us to Live" (vs 1, 2, & 3)**

WE SHARE THE WORDS OF GOD

Sharing with Children

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

Anthem:

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

*If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.*

Remind the faithful of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Do your best to present yourself to God as people approved, as workers who have no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Sermon: "Doing Our Best!" **Pastor Tom**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn #537 "Christian Rise and Act Your Creed"**

Call to Confession: Be alert knowing in God's presence that we should avoid wrangling over words, or holding fast to any grudges, none of which do any good when we consider our true desire to live fully by the power of forgiveness.

Confession (in unison): Your word, God, is so alarming that the voice of gracious acceptance can break the chains of anxiety, fear, and doubt. So we listen to your voice calling us to forgive others as we have been forgiven. We confess our need to find the courage to be free from our attitudes and prejudices that have clouded our love for strangers, for enemies, and even for those we love most. We commit ourselves to work side-by-side with you in this your world. Renew our souls with the strength to be merciful toward all people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: If we die to our old habits with Christ, we will also receive the ability to embrace new life with him. If we endure, we will see ourselves in his presence... if we are faithless; he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself which is for us the redeeming power of forgiveness and salvation. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri**

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

Invitation to the Offering: Open your heart before God, keep nothing back. The Lord will do whatever needs to be done with your ability to embrace each moment with grace to bless our human experience and all of creation.

Offertory

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of dedication:** Almighty God, here we commit ourselves to be your faithful workers. Awake in us eagerness, alertness, and readiness for your service. We present ourselves as an offering of our gratitude. We pray that our ministry as members of the Church of the Holy Cross will find fulfillment in generous hospitality. May we bless You each day in our Big Island community and around the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

Sung Response: *All Things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

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

*** Benediction**

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

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

General Membership Meeting to follow after service.

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

Child Care: Lolita Tanouye

Chapel Decorations: Michi Enomoto

Senior Minister: Thomas Olcott

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 3 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 1pm 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 on break
- **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 and the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Lounge, 5:30-7pm.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am-4:30pm

OUT OF OFFICE: 11am-12pm

CLOSED

Tuesday, Thursday