

***THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
United Church of Christ - Congregational  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY  
October 20, 2013***

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Pre-Service Music**

**Words of Greeting & Concerns of the Church**      **Gloria Kobayashi**  
**Pastoral Welcome Sharing Christ's Peace**      **Pastor Tom Olcott**

**\* Call to Worship – (Psalm 119:97-104 adapted)**

**Leader:** Oh, how we love your guiding laws and precepts of wisdom! On your guidance we meditate all day long looking at our lives in the shadow of Your holiness. May our lives reflect the goodness of Your glory.

**People:** **Your commandments to love one another open our eyes and grant us wisdom like none other. May we see more clearly the joy of this world and not ignore your invitation to serve creation. Your voice is a light for us on dark days. Lord, lead our journey in the footsteps of compassion and away from the highways of evil.**

**Leader:** How sweet is the honey of God's holy invitation to life adding flavor to each of our days. Through Your justice, we gain understanding. Through Your forgiveness, we restore balance to our relationships.

**All:** **As long as we live, we will turn away from falsehood as we sing and praise You, O LORD. May our thoughts and actions please You, because You are the one who makes us glad. With our energy we praise You, LORD! We are here to work with You! Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise #42 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**\* Invocation:** Come, glorious God, Father and Mother of all creation. Greet us with your Holy Spirit calling us as children of courage to serve this day with Jesus. We praise your presence in the life of each person. Sing to us in the hymns and voices of those surrounding us. Fill us and our homes with your encouraging Spirit to risk offering ourselves in re-commitment to the integrity of caring for children. Meet us in both the bright daylight and in the darkness of the night. Confront us with the ability to learn from experience. Open us to your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\* Keiki Hymn:** (insert #485) "This is my Father's World"

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Confirmation of Mark Tanouye**

**\* Congregational Unison Declaration of Commitment:**

**As members of the Church of the Holy Cross, United Church of Christ we affirm with you, Mark Tanouye, our mutual ministry in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers of support as we share in the faith, hope, and love as well as in the labor of the church of Jesus Christ, universal. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love so that we witness to the risen Christ each and every day, by the grace of God. Amen**

**Sharing with Children**

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

**Anthem:** "Simple Gifts" arr. Jerry Friend

Na Leo Ni'o Lani, The Holy Cross Chancel Choir

**Scripture: I Corinthians 13** (including 12:31 and 14:1)

Continue in your zeal for the spiritual gifts. And in addition I will give directions for a journey over the mountain pass (of difficulty and struggle).

If I speak in the tongues of adults and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Run after love and continue in zeal, (energized) for the spiritual gifts.

**Sermon: "Love for the Journey – The going is not easy!"**

**Pastor Tom**

**\* Hymn (insert #53) "We are one in the Spirit"**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Call to Confession: (Ps 146:3-4)** " Do not put your trust in political leaders, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath is exhausted, they return to earth and clay feet, and their plans perish".. May Christ have mercy upon us,.. in us,.. through us,.. and around us.. may mercy's love be the instrument of our justice and compassion. Amen.

**Confession: (in unison) Lord of life, we place before You every minute of our day-in-and-day out activities. Help us to embrace and honor you in our eagerness. Help us resist pointing fingers of blame. Strengthen our minds to overcome evil and any tempting opportunities. May we not fall into any mindless forgetfulness. Instruct us, God, to choose wisely and act with the courageous integrity love for all demands. Encompass us with hospitality so we can become a sanctuary to calm all anxiety. Let us welcome Christ's mercy within us, through us, and from us, now and always. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** If God had not been working in us, we never would have made it. The minute we say, "We are slipping, Your aloha, God, reaches out to our desires, and holds us fast." Amen. (Ps 94)

**\* Gloria Patri:**

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

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**Bring gifts with songs of celebration, bow before the beauty of God. God will treat everyone fairly and openly. (Ps 96:9-10)**

**Offertory:**

**\* Doxology**

\* **Prayer of dedication:** Here we are, God! May we allow whatever we seek to accomplish to be guided by your hand. You are shaping our souls' desire to reach out and follow the road of service with Christ. Strengthen and bless this offering we bring. Bless our love for children with integrity. Establish safe homes of security for all children every day. We dedicate everything we touch to magnify your compassion in our words and actions. Listen to our hearts and constantly transform us with grace and character honoring Your love in Jesus' name. Amen

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

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

\* **Benediction:**

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

\* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** Ben Masutomi, Reiko Masutomi, Setsuko Takemoto,

Dorothy Matsui, Tammy Nagami

**Child Care:** Yoko Hayano

**Chapel Decorations:** Miyeko Yamane

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 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