

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
United Church of Christ - Congregational  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
October 27, 2013  
HOMECOMING and All SAINTS' SUNDAY**

**All Saints' Celebration** is observed today during our morning worship. We also observe **Reformation and Reconciliation Sunday** on this date. We honor sacred experiences and memories for you and your loved ones by lighting ***candles of remembrance*** during this service of mediation, scripture, music, and prayer.

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Pre-Service Music**

**Words of Greeting and Concerns of the Church  
Pastoral Welcome and Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Lei Cruz  
Pastor Tom**

**Prelude**

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Call to Worship: (Psalm 24)**

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
The world, and those who live in it.  
For god has founded it on the seas,  
and has established it on the rivers.

**People: Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in the holy place?  
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
Who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
And who do not swear deceitfully.**

**Leader:** They will receive blessings from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of our salvation.

**People: Such are the company of all those who seek the Lord,  
All who seek the face of the God of Jacob,  
Who is the king of glory, the Lord of Hosts.  
He is the King of our salvation.**

**\* Hymn # 315 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

**Invocation**

God of joy and courageous compassion, we come to you awake with the fresh delight of dawn radiating within our minds. Through all the hours of each day, and with evening dusk we know the setting sun will shine across the heavens. Dawn and dusk, day light and life, birth and death, joy and struggle, saint and sinner; all are in your holy hands, and there is no where we would rather be - When we have fallen into error, lift us up in hope. We welcome the presence of your Spirit. We pray you will embrace our praise and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\* Hymn #7 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

**Children's Word**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem** IYAA

**Scripture: Luke 6:20-36**

Jesus lifted up his eyes and looked straight at his disciples, and said:  
"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are prosperous, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people

speaking well of you, for so their fathers spoke to the false prophets.

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

"As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

"But love your enemies, and do good, and when you lend, expect nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons and daughters of the Most High, for God is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

**Sermon: "Take Heart and Have Courage to Be"                      Pastor Tom**

**Call to Confession:** Because Jesus himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Therefore fix your thoughts on Jesus,.. whom we confess.        (Hebrews 2:18-3:1)

**Confession: (Unison)**

**"Lord God we love Your great and diverse world. Sometimes it is so awesome that we make the wrong choices – guide us with mercy. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner who makes mistakes, for I am one who seeks to share the blessings of love and the power of forgiveness. Amen"**

**Assurance of Pardon:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. The one who makes men and women holy and those

who are blessed by them are united by grace in the same family. Jesus is not ashamed to call us all faithful brothers and sisters. All our lives are received in completeness by our Creator. Amen.

\* **Gloria Patri**

\* **Hymn #386: "The Church's One Foundation" (vs 1,2, and 4)**

**The Necrology of sacred memory for members, family, and friends:**

*Elizabeth Butler*

*Frank Kamimura*

*Hideko Kagimoto*

*Richard Nakamura*

*Mae Kawahara*

*Thomas "Tommy" Shiroma*

*Peter Oshima*

*Jennie Wung*

*Harold Tadashi Tanouye Jr.*

As each name is read from the necrology, our church bell will be tolled and a candle lit in remembrance of the blessing of each person's life and in thanks for their eternal life in God.

Following the reading of the necrology, the congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of those they have loved and laid to rest. As these candles are lit, we will sing **Hymn # 299, "For All the Saints"** (You may remain seated for this hymn).

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of the People**

**Pastor Tom**

**Invitation to Offering**

Faith filled with hope is the path that leads to the feet of the Teacher. With commitment to courageous faith we will move forward, until mercy's work is done. We join a long line of witnesses, who share by living their days in God's grace. Come now, for Jesus has need of you.

**Offertory**

\* **Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Holy One, throughout the ages, your faithful daughters and sons walked this earth with the light of your love shining in their words and actions and thoughts. Through them, your saints in every generation, we have been pleased to see you at work in human compassion. Thank you for their witness and thank you for the spark of spirit you ignited in them. We offer ourselves to you today; all that we are and all that we do; and all that we love. May our offering be a penetrating blaze of light to point to your perfect radiance? Amen.

**Sung Response: "All things come from thee, O Lord  
And of thine own have we given thee. Amen"**

**Hymn: 377 "Forward Through the Ages"**

**Benediction** **Pastor Tom**

**Benediction Response – Bless Be the Tie that Binds** (vs 1)

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude** **Kayleen Yuda**

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

**Child Care:** Jeanne Hernandez

**Chapel Decorations:** Richard Miyake

**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

***All are invited to our  
Homecoming Pot Luck Celebration  
Pumpkin decorating for Children  
following worship***

**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.
- **Samoa 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