

Church of the Holy Cross

United Church of Christ – Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii

Veterans' Day Sunday, November 10, 2013

Words in printed in **bold** are spoken/sung by all.
When you see this symbol, *, please stand if able.

We Gather to Worship God

Pre-Service Music

Words of Greeting and Concerns of the Church

Pastoral Welcome and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 145:1-3)

Praise our God and King, and always honor God's name.

We will praise you each day, Lord, and always honor your name.

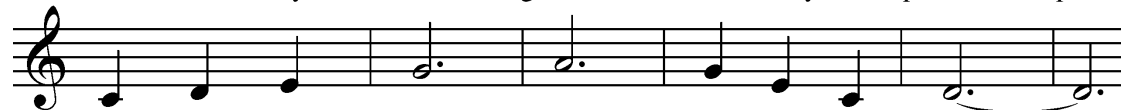
You are wonderful, Lord, and you deserve all praise,

Because you are much greater than anyone can understand, we worship you.

**Hymn of Praise: Praise and Thanksgiving*



Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer
God bless the la - bor we bring to serve you;
You are pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren,
Then will your bless - ing reach ev - ery peo - ple,



for all things liv - ing, you have made good: _____
that with our neigh - bor we may be fed. _____
your wis - dom guid - ing teach - es us share _____
all lands con - fess - ing your gra - cious hand. _____



har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the or - chard,
Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work with you;
one with an - other - er so that, re - joic - ing,
Where you are reign - ing no one will hun - ger,



hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood. _____
har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread. _____
oth - ers may know you and praise your care. _____
your love su - tain - ing, fruit - ful the land. _____

**Opening Prayer* (Psalm 145:17-21)

Our Lord, everything you do is thoughtful and kind, and you are near to everyone whose prayers are sincere. You satisfy the desires of all who worship you, and you come to save them when they ask for help. You take care of everyone who loves you. This is why we praise you, Lord. This is why we worship you. Let everything praise the Lord's holy name forever and ever! Amen!

We Share the Word of God

**Keiki Hymn: I'll Fly Away*

Hymnal #595

Sharing with Children

**Lord's Prayer* (debts)

Hymnal p. 9C

Anthem

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

When our Lord Jesus returns, we will be gathered up to meet him. So I ask you, my friends, not to be easily upset or disturbed by people who claim that the Lord has already come. They may say that they heard this directly from the Holy Spirit, or from someone else, or even that they read it in one of our letters. But don't be fooled! People will rebel against God. Then before the Lord returns, the wicked one who is doomed to be destroyed will appear. He will brag and oppose everything that is holy

or sacred. He will even sit in God's temple and claim to be God. Don't you remember that I told you this while I was still with you?

My friends, the Lord loves you, and it is only natural for us to thank God for you. God chose you to be the first ones to be saved. His Spirit made you holy, and you put your faith in the truth. God used our preaching as his way of inviting you to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. My friends, that's why you must remain faithful and follow closely what we taught you in person and by our letters.

God our Father loves us. He is kind and has given us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father will encourage you and help you always to do and say the right thing.

Sermon: Remain Faithful and Follow Closely

We Respond in Word and Deed

**Hymn:* Shall We Gather

Hymnal #597

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you and your creation. You alone know how we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the Good News: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God!

**Gloria Patri*

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of People

Invitation to the Offering (Hebrews 13:16)

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory

**Doxology*

Hymnal #780

**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sung Response*

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

**Hymn:* Now Is the Time Approaching

Hymnal #609

**Benediction*

**Benediction Response:* Go, My Children (verse 2 only)

Hymnal #82

**Extinguishing the Altar Candles*

Postlude

E Komo Mai/Welcome

We're glad you're here! All are welcome at Church of the Holy Cross (United Church of Christ).

Leading Us in Worship Today

Supply Pastor: Rev. Ruth Farrell Lay Reader: Esem Flasik
Organist: Kayleen Yuda Choir Director: Pedro Kaawaloa
Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson

This Week at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Today:** Choir practice at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
- **Today:** Sunday School for all ages at 8:45 am
- **Today:** Worship at 10 am
- **Today:** The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei – Hilo worships (BF)
- **Today:** The Samoan Church worships in the Sanctuary at 1 pm
- **Today:** The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga meets in the Sanctuary at 3 pm
- **Tomorrow:** Office closed in observance of Veterans' Day
- **Tomorrow:** Gentle Yoga 9:30-10:30 am (BF)
- **Tuesday:** Toastmasters 12 pm (Lounge)
- **Tuesday:** Rhythm & Life exercise class 3:30 pm (BF)
- **Wednesday:** The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga meets in the Sanctuary at 7 pm
- **Wednesday:** IYAA Bible Study 7:30 pm
- **Thursday:** Toastmasters (1st & 3rd Thursdays) 5:30-7 pm (Lounge)
- **Friday:** Qi Goong exercise class 9-10:30 am (BF)

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm (closed for lunch 11 am – 12 pm)
Tuesday, Thursday 9 am – 12 pm

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Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, Nov 26 at 7pm

First United Methodist Church

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