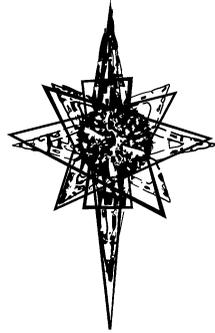


**Church of the Holy Cross**  
 United Church of Christ – Congregational  
 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii

*First Sunday after Epiphany, January 12, 2014*



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 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 Toccata by Purcell*

*Call to Worship* (based on Matthew 2:1-12)

The Christ child is born!

All you who would find him,

**Prepare for a journey, determined as the Magi.**

All you who would praise him,

**Come with the faith to follow but a star.**

All you would worship Jesus,

**Come with humility to the child who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.**

*\*Hymn of Praise: The First Noel*

The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to  
 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing  
 And by the light of that same star three  
 This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er  
 Then en - tered in those wise men three, full  
 Then let us all with one ac - cord sing  
 cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in  
 in the east, be - yond them far, and  
 wise men came from coun - try far, to  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest, and  
 rev - erent - ly up - on their knee, and  
 prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord, who  
 fields where they lay keep - ing their  
 to the earth it gave great  
 seek for a king was their in -  
 there it did both stop and  
 of - fered there in his pres -  
 hath made heaven and earth of  
 sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -  
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 ence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
 naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.

el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*\*Invocation*

O God who quickened the faith that brought Magi from the east, let the light that shone in the darkness shine upon us. Let it shine within us, that it might refine us. Let it shine around us, that it might illuminate the way. And let it shine above us, that it might reveal Jesus who manifests your presence. Amen.

**We Share the Word of God**

\*Keiki Hymn: We Three Kings



We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense  
 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 Glor - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we trav - erse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and  
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, ceas - ing  
 owns a de - i - ty nigh, prayer and prais - ing, voic - es  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom: sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star. O ——— star of  
 nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.



won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright, west - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

*Sharing with Children*

\*Lord's Prayer (debts)

Hymnal p. 9C

[Please stand, if you are able, and join hands with those near you as we pray.]

*Anthem* The Water is Wide

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

*Scripture:* Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
 Are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

For out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

*Sermon*

**We Respond in Word and Deed**

\*Hymn: As With Gladness Those of Old

Hymnal #159

*Call to Confession* (based on John 3:19)

The Light has come into the world because we love darkness rather than light. Let us confess our sin to God.

*Confession* (in unison)

**O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the sings you provide. Forgive our waywardness. Lead us to the Christ so we may follow his way to you. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon* (1 John 1:5-7)

God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not know what is true; but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his son cleanses us from all sin.

*\*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*

Let us follow the Magi's example and present our gifts to God.

*Offertory: Air by Purcell*

*\*Doxology*

Hymnal #780

*\*Prayer of Dedication* (in unison)

**Loving God, like the Magi, we also follow a star of hope, we also come with awe and wonder, and we also bring gifts – ourselves, our time, our money, and our commitment to you. Send us home changed by coming here. Amen.**

*\*Sung Response*

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

*\*Hymn: Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Hymnal #164

*\*Benediction*

*\*Benediction Response: Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (chorus only) Hymnal #154

*\*Extinguishing the Altar Candles*

*Postlude: March of the Kings by Simone*

***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: Jean Pierre Thoma

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:** 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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