

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
February 2, 2014
COMMUNION SUNDAY
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church

Layreader: Carol Morioka

Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: "Morning Has Broken" by Smith

Kayleen Yuda

**All who are able, please rise.*

***Call to Worship:**

When we seek justice for the other,
when we love kindness more than ever,

we live as God asks us to live.

When we walk humbly through life,
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,

we reflect the One who is in our midst.

*** Hymn of Praise: #332 "As We Gather at Your Table"**

***Invocation: Unison**

God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn: #327 "Jesus Loves Me" vs 1, 3, and Hawaiian

Sharing with Children

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]

Anthem: "I've Got My Ticket" arr. by Lon Berry

Na Leo Ni'ō Lani

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon: "Living Under the Blessing"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***Hymn: #438 "When Peace, Like a River"**

The Prayers

*Confession:

L: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C: Forgive us when we lack respect for one another.

L: Blessed are those who mourn

C: You promise comfort to those who are sorrowful.

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

C: Forgive us when we do not treat others with justice.

L: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

C: Forgive us when we live without peace in our relationships.

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the realm of heaven.

C: Forgive us for not taking a stand.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

What has God done to us - shown mercy! What has God done for us - forgiven us!
This is the good news for us. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope.
Amen.

***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."**

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Call for the Offering: God promises us comfort, peace, support, and desires justice for our lives. In response to God's gifts we offer our gifts of time in service, our skills, and the monetary offerings we offer now. Bless all the gifts we offer and bless us we pray.

Offertory: "Andante Semplice" by Tomlinson

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication:** UNISON

Receive our gifts we pray – the gifts of our talents, our skills, our time, effort and our tithes and offerings. Bless their use to bless others in our community and in all of your creation, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

In a world that applauds arrogance, you call us to be humble.

In a world that rewards competitiveness, you call us to kindness.

In a world that teaches us to be aggressive you call us to be peacemakers.

You invite us to this table to receive your gifts – the bread of new life and the cup of
salvation.

We receive them with joy and thanksgiving.

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of
salvation.

As you come please sing #330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Receiving the bread and the cup we are nurtured and strengthened so we may go into the world to do justice, love kindness, live in peace and walk humbly with our God. Amen.

* **Benediction:**

* **Choral Benediction Response #146 Nu Oli chorus only**

Nu oli! Nu oli! Nu kamaha'o!

Kamaha'o! Kamaha'o! E! Nu oli! Nu Oli!

He nu no ke ola, E hau'li E!

* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: "Procession" by Lang

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Millie Daikawa, Miyeko Yamane

Flowers: Margaret Torigoe

Childcare: Eileen Shiraishi

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Choir Director: Pedro Kaawaloa

Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

"E Komo Mai" - All people are welcome here at Church of the Holy Cross, UCC. We greet all visitors, guests, and friends and invite you to participate in the life of our Holy Cross Church family. If you would like to inquire about church membership please speak to one of our Deacons or Pastor Mary.

If you would like to learn more about how our national United Church of Christ ministers around the world go to UCC.org - there, you will find information on disaster relief, church life, worship, and ecumenical cooperation.

Other activities at 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 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei – Hilo** worships in the BF mtg. room
- **Samoa Church** worships at 12pm on Sundays.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm today.
- **Bible Study** Monday on break
- **Gentle Yoga** Monday (BF Meeting Room) on break
- **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 Thursday of every month in the Lounge, 5:30-7pm.
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** 1st Thursday of the month, 12pm in the Lounge
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets in the Lounge every Thursday at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 3pm in J's Café