

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
**February 9, 2014**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together**

**Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church**

**Janet Fujioka**

**Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd**

**Prelude:** “Sicilienne” by Archer

**Kayleen Yuda**

*\*All who are able, please rise.*

**\*Call to Worship:**

If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

**If the body of Christ, the body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!**

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun’s light.

**If the new creation we are in Christ, is to flourish, it needs the Spirit’s light!**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

**Our faith, our love, our hope—essential as salt and light.**

But if salt isn’t salty?

**It isn’t what it’s meant to be.**

And if a light doesn’t shine?

**It isn’t what it’s meant to be.**

**All: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.**

**\* Hymn of Praise:** #311 “Renew Your Church”

**\*Invocation:**

**God of Aloha,  
Briny and bright, we are your faithful people.  
We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:  
A welcoming oasis,  
A compassionate community,  
A justice-making people,  
Giving glory to You!  
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

Hymn: “Love”

Love, love, love, love,  
Christians this is your call;  
Love your neighbor as yourself  
For God loves us all.

**Scripture: I Corinthians 13:4-8a**

**Sharing with Children**

**Lord’s Prayer** (using “debts” and “debtors”) [*in unison*]

Hymn: “Love” (see above)

**Anthem:** “Couldn’t Hear Nobody Pray”, arr. by Pedro Ka’awaloa Na Leo Ni’o Lani

**Scripture:** Matt 5:13-20

**Sermon: "Briny and Bright"**

**Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**\*Hymn:** #181 "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

**The Prayers**

**Call to Reconciliation**

This is what God hopes for us - that we will speak of the mistakes we make, so we might be forgiven. Relying on the Spirit for the right words, let us pray together"

**Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.**

**Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. Fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness**

God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation! God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 Offering:** Jesus calls us to be briny like the sea and bright like the sun. We offer our gifts – of the time and energy we expend to serve those in need – and our tithes and our offerings. Bless all our giving and bless these givers we pray.

**Offertory:** "Duet" by Handel

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Doxology:** #780 or #781

**\*Prayer of Dedication: Thank you for giving us enough and some to share. Thank you for reminding us we are skilled and talented. Receive our gifts and receive us as your disciples, willing to share of ourselves. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

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

**\*Closing Hymn: #526 We Are Marching in the Light of God  
Vs 2 We are singing in the light of God  
Vs 3 We are praying in the light of God  
Vs 4 We are dancing in the light of God**

**\* Benediction:**

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

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**"Postlude in D" by Gibbs**

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Ushers:** Barbara Iwami, Millie Daikawa, Miyeko Yamane

**Flowers:** Lily Inouye

**Childcare:** Joyce Nakamoto

**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](http://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 on Sundays.
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm on Sundays.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm today.
- **Bible Study** Monday 7pm in Pastor's Study.
- **Gentle Yoga** Monday (BF Meeting Room) on break
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class** meets Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (BF)
- **Bible Study** Wednesday 9:30am in Pastor's Study
- **Bible Study** Tuesday 1pm in Pastor's Study
- **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.
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** 1<sup>st</sup> 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