

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
February 16, 2014
Celebrating Women This Week in Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Call to Worship:**

L: As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,
as we are embraced in their kindness,

P: we choose to be people of life and blessing.

L: As we serve others in God's name,
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

P: we choose to walk in God's way.

L: As we forgive those who have hurt us,
as we reach out to those we have harmed,

P: we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.

*** Hymn of Praise: #397 "Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers"**

***Invocation (UNISON) :**

Steadfast Lover of humanity, we come to you as those who search for ways to love more wisely, more genuinely, more steadily. We seek to base our lives on the love of Christ, that from day to day we may be passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving, in loving one another and this world of many

peoples. Through your Spirit, build your church into a living temple, a sign of your presence on earth; through Jesus Christ, our foundation. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn: #350 "Now in the Days of Youth" vs 1, 2, 3,

Sharing with Children

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

Anthem: "Ain'-A That Good News" lyrics by William Dawson

Na Leo Ni'ō Lani

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon: "The Heart of the Matter"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***Hymn: #292 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

The Prayers

***Confession:**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and live out the heart of the Good News Jesus brings us.

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

Leader: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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:

We offer our gifts to serve Jesus Christ through this church in the world remembering the great gift we have received in the teaching of Jesus. We respond by offering ourselves and our gifts.

Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication (UNISON)**

Gracious God, with thanks we offer the gifts of our hands and the fruits of our labors. Accept them as expressions of our response to the life and love you have given us. Amen.

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

***Closing Hymn: #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (sung to tune of 386)**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Millie Daikawa, Miyeko Yamane

Flowers: Ronald Miyasato Family and Else Ushijima

Childcare: Lei Jack

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
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm on Sundays.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm today.
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary today at 4pm.
- **Bible Study** no Bible Study on Monday, February 17.
 - Resume Feb. 24 at 6:30pm
- **Gentle Yoga** Monday (BF Meeting Room) on break
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class** meets Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (BF)
- **Bible Study** Tuesdays 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 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

Announcements

- Tuesday, February 18, East Hawaii Clergy Gathering 11:30am-1pm in Building of Faith.
- Pastor Mary will be off Wed and Thurs, February 19, 20 and then on 22nd for a conference in Oahu. She will be in on Fri, February 21st.
- Church office is CLOSED on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of President's Day.