

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

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church Jayson Rekis

Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude Kayleen Yuda

**All who are able, please rise. Please speak in unison where text is bold.*

***Call to Worship:**

We gather as the faithful of God,
we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

**God has invited us to this place;
may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

We gather as the faithful of God,
people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

**We boldly enter into the presence of God,
hoping to be transformed into new people.**

We gather as the faithful of God,
our fears melting away in the heart of God.

**We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit,
we come to praise God's holy name.**

*** Hymn of Praise: #182 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

***Invocation: (Unison)**

Holy Spirit, sacred breath of God, May the clouds that cover our insight and wisdom blow away so we see again, as if for the first time, the realm of God

shining in Jesus the Christ. May our eyes be open to seeing and our hearts be ready to listen to the words of Wisdom in our day. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn: #282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" vs 1

Sharing with Children

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

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision" by Alice Parker Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "Holy Encounter" Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***Hymn: #282 "Spirit of the Living God"**

The Prayers

***Confession:**

Leader 1: God's Spirit affirms: This is the Christ, the beloved;
with Christ I am pleased.

Leader 2: We have not always heard or remembered. In our forgetting we pursue goals and ways of our own making and we act in ways that hurt ourselves and others.

**All: Forgive our forgetting, O God,
and may your realm shine within us again.**

Leader 1: God's Spirit affirms: This is my community,
the Beloved; with them I am pleased.

Leader 2: We have not always heard or remembered. In our forgetting we judge and complain, we expect too little or too much, and we cloud our witness with apathy and conflict.

**All: Forgive our forgetting, O God,
and may your realm shine within us again.**

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

God's Spirit affirms: You are my Beloved; with you I am well pleased. Love never forgets and is quick to forgive. We can trust the Spirit's affirmation and live with confidence that we are the Beloved of God, forgiven and free.

***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 come with our gifts, our money, our gifts of time and our talents. We also bring the gifts of the bread and the cup – gifts from Jesus Christ for all the people.

Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication: Take these gifts, God of light and love, as symbols of our love for you. Transform these our gifts and us to your service in your world. Amen.**

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Communion Hymn: #336 "Here, O My Lord" vs. 1,2,3

**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. If you wish we will serve you in your seat.

***Closing Hymn: #77 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response: #496 "Ekolu Mea Nui" vs 1**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA

Flowers: Miyoko Tanita (Memorial)

Childcare: Moira Tanaka

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.

This Week 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 this morning.

- **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.
- **Gentle Yoga** Monday (BF Meeting Room) on break
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class** meets Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (BF)
- **Bible Study** Monday on break for Lenten Study
- **Bible Study** Tues on break for Lenten Study
- **IYAA Bible Study** is held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 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 1pm in J's Café

**“Unbinding Your Heart” Lenten Study will begin on March 5 in J’s Café.
5:30pm will be Salad Supper followed by Study Group at 6:15pm.**

**9:30am Wednesday Bible Study will meet in the Lounge for
“Unbinding Your Heart” Lenten Study.**