

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
March 23, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

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:**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout to our saving rock!

C: Enter God's presence with praise, with music and shouts of joy.

L: For the Lord is a mighty God, the great ruler of all the gods.

**C: God's hand holds the depths of the world,
and rules the peaks of the mountains.**

L: It is God who made and rules the seas, whose hand created dry ground.

**C: Come, let us kneel and worship the Lord;
let us bow before God our maker.**

***Invocation: (Unison) God, our Rock, your love revives our thirsting souls.
Restore us so that, renewed by your grace, we may be strengthened to
bring others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** Hymn of Praise: #18 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"**

***Confession: Unison Prayer of Confession**

L: God of eternity, you know how often we
travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear.

C: We are beset by worries.

**We have chances to offer ourselves in
Service and love, but for fear do not share with others.
We could share the living
waters with the world, yet we hesitate, uncertain.**

L: Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us,
to meet us wherever we are. You break
open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole.

**C: In Jesus Christ, our Lord
and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: God does not disappoint us. Our sins
are forgiven, our lives are made whole,
we are sent forth to serve.

In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through
in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to
hold it all. Thanks be to God. 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."**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn: You Are My Hiding Place (see insert)

Sharing with Children

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

Anthem: "All Praise to Thee" Arr. Marie Pooler

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Scriptures: John 4:5-26

Sermon: "Water for the Thirsty"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***Hymn: #326 "Crashing Waters at Creation" (sung to tune of #325)**

The Prayers

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Call for Offering: Since the waters have been poured out for us by a generous God and we have received life-giving water we return in gratitude our tithes and our offerings.

Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication (UNISON)**

**Creator God,
your love comes to us
like a spring of water gushing up.
May our gifts and our living
be to your glory and praise;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sung response:

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

***Closing Hymn: #307 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"**

*** Benediction**

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

**Ekolu mea nui maka honua,
O kamana'o i'o, kamana'o la na,
a me kealoha. Kealoha kai oi a'e,
pomaika'ina mea a pau, pomaika'ina mea a pau,**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA

Flowers: Goya Family (Mem.)

Childcare: Yoko Hayano

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 for Children and Youth
- **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
- **9:30am Wednesday Lenten Study will meet in the Lounge for “Unbinding Your Heart” Lenten Study.**
 - 5:30pm Salad Supper-bring something to go in a Chef’s Salad, in **J’s Café**
 - 6:15pm Study begins
- **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)
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** 2nd Thursday of the month, 12pm in the BF.
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho’opakele** meets in the Lounge every Thursday at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J’s Café
- **J’s Minimart** will be TODAY in J’s Cafe

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning March 24, 2014.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10am-4:30pm

Lunch at 12pm

Friday

10am-12pm

For Building of Faith Rentals and Key pickups or by appointment

Money for Easter Lilies are due March 30. Please write checks out to Cindy Debus.

Also, March 30 is when we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.