

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
March 30, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

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

Anne Sadayasu

**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:**

Leader: From many lands, we gather as people. With diverse homelands, backgrounds, and experiences shaping who we are today:

**Congregation: Out of many, we are one.**

Leader: Of different ages, abilities, we gather as a people. Wearing different clothing, filling different roles, speaking many languages, singing different songs:

**Congregation: Out of many, we are one.**

Leader: With diverse hopes and dreams, we gather as a people. Of different personality types and interest, with multiple ministries and callings:

**Congregation: Out of many, we are one.**

Leader: Each carrying within us many voices, we gather as a people, holding happiness alongside hurt, often in the same moment. Inside every one of us, a crowd of ideas, feelings, and questions:

**Congregation: Out of many, we are one.**

Leader: In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity. People of God, come and worship, that out of many, all may be one! Come to worship our God!

**\*Invocation (unison)**

**Generous Creator, Source of all life, you have given us all we need. Let us know you, within and among us this hour. Feed us from the bread of life that sustains us daily. Heal our spirits with a balm of peace for all brokenness. Shelter us in the sanctuary of your love. Fill the inner well that so often runs dry in us, that we may be renewed springs of hope for all the world. Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise: #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

**\*Confession:**

**God of all, too often we stick to our small but safe comfort zones. Guide us into the places you are working in the world: with those in need, with those who are hurting. Lead us to the places in life where we are needed. God of all, too often we give in to the values of the marketplace, as if debts and credits were adequate calculation of human worth. Draw us back to your values, that we may share freely and love generously, in the spirit of One who shared with us beyond measure. Amen.**

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

The God of all has mercy for all! Embrace your freedom to grow in trust and faith in the One who loved you first. In Christ's name we are forgiven and set 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."**

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn #496 "Ekolu Mea Nui" vs. 1 Hawaiian**

**Statement of Faith #881**

### Receiving New Members

Pastor: With great joy I welcome Christian Albano. Today we celebrate your decision to join us, a fellow servant of Christ, as you affirm your baptism in joining Church of the Holy Cross.

**Congregation: It is in our relationships with one another, as well as in our worship, study and service, that the life of this church is built. As the Body of Christ in this place, we come together to share, support, strengthen, celebrate and rejoice in our life together. We gather to deepen our love for Jesus Christ, serving him in the world.**

Eric Tanouye: Will you members of this congregation provide this person with opportunities for spiritual, personal, and social growth? Will you share with him our congregational resources—material, human, and spiritual—supporting him in times of stress and celebrating them in times of joy?

**Congregation: We will, with the help of God and our fellow members.**

Pastor to Christian:

Will you grow in your love of Jesus Christ? Will you join us with the task of this ministry, accepting our invitation to membership and all its joys and responsibilities? Will you share your time, talent, and resources, but most of all yourself, as fellow servants of Christ in the mission of Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ?

**NEW MEMBER: I will, with the help of God and the members and friends of this congregation.**

Eric Tanouye: Do you, the members of Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ, receive this person as your fellow members?

**Congregation: We do with joy! You are now part of this congregation, and we look forward to your ministry among us.**

**The Aloha Welcome**

**Presentation of Certificates of Membership**

**Sharing with Children**

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

**Anthem: IYAA**

**Scripture:** John 17:20-26

**Sermon: "Different, Yet One"**

**Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd**

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

#### The Prayers

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People** (be seated)

**\*Hymn #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" vs. 1-4**

**Call for Offering:**

In the spirit of Christ, we are one. Around the world and across the ages, we are one. Through sharing our lives, prayers, and money, we are one with all of God's beloved children.

Our giving through One Great Hour of Sharing unites us with Christians from Church World Service and nine denominations.

Our partnership alone is worth celebrating; what we do together is even more inspiring. Our giving is magnified beyond what any of us could do alone, when we serve together in the spirit of Christ.

## Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

**Doxology:** # 780 or # 781

### \*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**Generous God, bless these gifts that we return to you, and bless the hearts that give. Unite our hearts with those hearts that will be strengthened, helped, and healed through these gifts. Many this money be used faithfully and purposefully, furthering your reign of compassion and justice around the world. Amen.**

Sung response:

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

\*Closing Hymn: #23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

\* Benediction

\* Choral Benediction Response: #146 "Nu Oli" (refrain)

**Nu oli! Nu oli! Nu kamaha'o!  
Kamaha'o! Kamaha'o! E! Nu oli! Nu Oli!  
He nu no ke ola, E hauo'li E!**

\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

## Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Beginning March 24, 2014.  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
10am-4:30pm  
Lunch at 12pm  
**Friday**  
10am-12pm

## 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Money for Easter Lilies is due TODAY. Please write checks out to Cindy Debus.