

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
March 9, 2014
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church Bob Smith

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:**

As we begin the Season of Lent, make yourself at home in the unfolding presence of Love that shelters, nourishes, and gives renewed strength for the journey of faith.

***Invocation: (Unison)**

God of Love and mercy, we gather today from different places-both of location and life experience. Some of us arrive content, others muddled and fractured, still others somewhere in between. In trust we say:

“You hold us in your loving Grace.”

God of love and mercy, at the beginning of this Lenten season, we pray for a willingness to be held in all that we are. We come daring to believe that in your embrace joy and hope arises anew. In thanksgiving we say:

“You hold us in your loving Grace.”

*** Hymn of Praise: #4 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”**

***Confession:**

Grateful for forgiveness, O God, and amazed by your warmth of heart, we would be opened, giving words to difficult feelings, seeking healing for old, yet tender wounds.

In your love may we rest and be renewed.

For the times we have deceived ourselves and others, with divided thoughts and purposes, creating emptiness of soul, and unhappy relationships, forgive us.

In your love may we rest and be renewed.

And for the times we remain silent, fearful of inner truths, resistant to real change and truthful, intimate exchange, hold us and heal us.

In your love may we rest and be renewed.

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

Friends, in the mystery of God we are held and honored. We are welcomed into a circle of Love that is ever widening, expanding to include all that we are and all that is. 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.”**

THE WORD OF GOD

Sharing with Children

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

Anthem: “Amazing Grace” arr. John Coates Jr.

Na Leo Ni’o Lani

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Hymn: #23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Scripture: Psalm 32

Sermon: "Abundant Grace"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn:** #423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Call for Offering

Whatever your task, do it wholeheartedly, as to God:

In teaching, give all you have; in speaking, stir to the depths; in giving, share liberally; in helping, do so cheerfully. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and practice hospitality.

Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Accept our lives, O God, as well as our gifts. Let the spirit in which we give them be your Spirit. Let the use that is made of them be your use. Amen.

Sung response:

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

***Closing Hymn: #459 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"**

***Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response #146 "Nu Oli"**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA

Flowers: Dorothy Matsui, Amy Saito

Childcare: Carol Morioka

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 Shioshita

"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)
- **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