

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
April 13, 2014
PALM SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church Lei Cruz

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: We gather together in this place.

People: Joyful as our palm branches fan the air in praise

Leader: Filling this space with peace.

All: Waiting with great expectation to see Jesus, eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: Joyful as our palm branches reach high with hope.

All: Longing for a calm moment in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: Anxious as our palm branches lay still next to us

All: Questioning if we are able to walk with Jesus through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair and darkness.

Leader: We gather together in this place.

People: Waving branches of prayer.

All: Walking toward Easter.

***Parade of the Palms**

Please proceed to the front of the church and exit through side doors at front of sanctuary. You will receive palms to wave. Walk toward rear of sanctuary on the side breezeways. Turn into breezeway to J's Café, enter sanctuary. Walk down center aisle and be seated. When we return to the sanctuary we will sing.

As you walk, cheer:

**Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!**

*** Hymn of Praise: #213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

***Invocation (Unison) :**

Hosanna Savior, we wave our palms and sing our praise as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day giving us the strength to endure the journey which is ahead. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

Sharing with Children

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Anthem: "Is There Room for a Sinner?" by Pepper Choplin Na Leo Ni'ō Lani

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11

Meditation: "In Order to Be Filled" Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED
The Prayers

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #507 "Jesus—The Very Thought to Me"

Call for Offering

In this week ahead we will be asked to walk the hard road of faith and face the full cost of discipleship. The sacrifice we are called to share involves true commitment and devotion. In that Spirit, may we share freely our gifts, tithes and offerings.

Offertory Kayleen Yuda

***Doxology:** # 780 or # 781

***Offertory Prayer (UNISON)**
Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair,
may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife
and justice-seeking that creates all good hope. Amen

Sung response:
All things come from thee,

O Lord, and of thine own
have we given thee. Amen.

Passion According to Matthew
(Congregation part comes near the end of the story)

NARRATOR 1: The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

CONGREGATION: "Barabbas."

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

CONGREGATION: "Crucify him!"

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

CONGREGATION: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR 2: When Pilate saw that he could do nothing, because a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd,

PILATE: "I won't have anything to do with killing this man. See to it yourselves."

NARRATOR 2: Then the people answered,

CONGREGATION: "We and our descendants will take the blame for his death!"

NARRATOR 1: He released Barabbas; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

(The story continues)

Solo: "Were You There?" African American Spiritual
Pedro Ka'awaloa

* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Thank you to the participants in the Passion according to Matthew.

Newton Chu

Ruth Farrell

Barbara Iwami

Gary Loyd

Mary Olney-Loyd

Biff and Anna Kennedy

Bob Smith

JP Thoma

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Esther Kodani, Newton Chu, Karl Kawahara

Flowers: Roberta Chu, Alice Fujimoto

Childcare: Lei Jack

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Choir Director: Pedro Kaawaloa

Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

**During the coming week, please read Matthew chapters 26 & 27 to
prepare yourself for the joy of Easter.**

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

On this sacred night we recall how Jesus first shared the bread and the cup with his closest friends, a service Christians call Communion, the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist. Our evening service will include the Lord's Supper and a time of darkening, known as Tenebrae, recalling how the disciples deserted Jesus. We welcome your presence at this sacred service!

Eggcellent Adventure for Keiki of all ages!

Decorating Easter Eggs on
Saturday, April 19th
9:00am in J's Café

April 20, Easter

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection in 10 am worship – Christ's Resurrection brings us hope of new life too! Fellowship time follows worship. Special choir and trumpet music. Easter Lesson and Egg Hunt starts at 8:45am in the Lounge.

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 Marshallse Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary today 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, open to church members)
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** 2nd Thursday of the month, 12pm in BF.
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets in the Lounge Thursday at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10am-4:30pm

Lunch

12pm-1pm

Friday
10am-12pm