

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
April 6, 2014
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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:**

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

People: O God, you know!

Leader: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

People: O God, you know!

Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

People: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Leader: May we celebrate the gift of God's new life,

People: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

Invocation:

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you and we are empowered to begin life anew. You fill us with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Prayer of Confession (UNISON)

Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: "Come out," Jesus calls, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins.

People: May God's name always be praised from our lips!

***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

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: "Prayer for Guidance" by Allen Pote

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: John 11:1-45

Sermon: "Consider the Possibility"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***Hymn:** #283 "Spirit of the Living God" sing twice, vs. 2 use US not ME

The Prayers

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Call for Offering:

Like Lazarus, we have a new life in front of us a resurrection life not meant to be hoarded, but to be shared. Like Lazarus, we live in a state of thanksgiving for all that has been and hope for what is to be. Let us make our offerings at this altar, praying that the wind of God may breathe upon all that lives upon the earth.

Offertory

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Spirit of Life, thank you for breathing new life into us. May the wind of your love carry these gifts far beyond us to the places most in need of your compassionate grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sung response:

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

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.

Communion Hymn: #330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Please come forward as you sing.

Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

***Closing Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

*** Benediction**

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

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Janet Fujioka (Memorial)

Childcare: Margaret Torigoe

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

April 13, Palm Sunday

We'll begin worship with a parade recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem! The service will recall how the week quickly turned from accolades for Jesus into accusations and a crucifying mob.

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

on Sunday, April 20th

8:45 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.
- **Samoa 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 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, 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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10am-4:30pm

Lunch

12pm-1pm

Friday

10am-12pm