

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
April 17 2014, 7pm

**Maundy Thursday**

Prelude: “The Upper Room” by Glywcannon Kayleen Yuda

Welcome & Instructions Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Singing: #224 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross vs 1, 2, 3

Prayer of Confession (UNISON)

**Our God, whose wise love gave us this night of remembering fear and failure, forgive us for not trusting you more, for leaving you, for ignoring others, for not letting your love in us have its way. Cleanse us. Open us so that the love may flow freely in and out for the sake of the world, the world that needs forgiveness and healing. We pray with Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SILENCE IS KEPT

Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

Gospel Lesson: John 13:34-35 in  
Chuukese, Marshallese, Pohnpian, Samoan and English

Singing: #498 “Jesu, Jesu”

Leader: Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love. Through word and deed Jesus showed us how to love God and to love one another. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He invited the women and the children and the tax collectors and the sinners to come to his table. He broke bread with the least

and the lost and shared the cup of redemption with them all. He crossed boundaries of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, and class. He challenged religious authority, and he scoffed at pomposity and self-absorbed grandeur. He called out the hypocrites. He admonished the scribes and the Pharisees for their hardened hearts. He brought a simple message: Love God, love yourself, and love one another.

**All: We gather in the name of Jesus and remember the way that he showed us. We gather to remember not just his death, but his life.**

Singing #197 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” vs 1, 2, 4

Leader: The way of Jesus goes through the cross, but we are not there yet. It is close. We can see its shadow. We can feel the cold, dark, night. We know that the enemies of God are conspiring. They have had enough of him. He threatens their comfort. He threatens their way of life. He threatens their power. They will come for him. First though, we will gather. We gather with Jesus and his closest friends. We gather with those that called him teacher, Rabbi, friend. We gather for the Passover meal, to remember that God saved the people from slavery. God saved once. God saves forevermore.

**All: God saved the Israelites at Passover, and revealed that it is God who reigns, not the Pharaoh. Our God saved once. God saves forevermore.**

Singing: #207 “Just As I Am”

Leader: Even as they were sharing this sacred meal together, the disciples were not of one heart. Jesus knew that he was asking much from these followers, and he knew that they would fail him. Judas had already agreed to betray Jesus to the religious authorities. Was he angry at some slight? Was he disappointed that Jesus would not raise an army against the Romans? Was he upset with the value of the oil that the woman “wasted” when she anointed Jesus? We will never know Judas’ heart, but Jesus knew that he would be betrayed. And what did Jesus do with the one who would betray him? He

broke bread with him. All of the disciples were deeply saddened, and they asked:

**All: I would never betray you, Lord. It’s not me, is it?**

### **Service of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Words of Institution

Anthem: “We Remember We Believe” by Tom Porter Na Leo Ni’o Lani

Prayer of Consecration

### **The Lord’s Supper**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you wish, we will serve you in your seat.*

Leader: After Jesus’ talk of betrayal, the disciples’ argument, and Jesus’ rebuke of them, the disciples seemed to be growing anxious. Peter proclaimed:

**All: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”**

Singing: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” see insert

Leader: Jesus asked the disciples “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come to into the time of trial”

**All: Judas said to Jesus, “Rabbi” and kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.**

Leader: There was a brief skirmish at the arrest, but his disciples quickly scattered. Peter, who had only hours before promised to go with Jesus to prison, even death, followed from a distance. During the trial, Peter remained hidden in the shadows. First a servant girl saw him and said, “This man was also with him.”

**All: “Woman, I do not know him.”**

Special Music

Marshallese Assemblies of God

Leader: A little later someone else, on seeing him said, “You also are one of them.”

**All: “Man, I am not.”**

Leader: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

**All: “I do not know what you are talking about. I do not know Jesus.”**

Silence is Kept

**Lord’s Prayer** (Whispered remembering the disciples desertion in fear. You are invited to pray the Lord’s prayer in your own language.)

**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.**

Please leave quietly in your own time.

You are invited to remain & pray in silence.

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening at Church of the Holy Cross. May this service enrich your faith and may Christ’s Resurrection fill you with joy and peace.

Participating congregations include:

Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa,  
Chuukese Church  
Marshallese Assembly of God,  
United Church of Christ of Pohnpei

Rev. Take Sunia  
Rev. Saburo Robert  
Rev. Brandy Kaben  
Rev. Henry Wilson

Leaders in worship also include:

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Rev. Ruth Farrell  
Gloria Kobayashi

**Interim Minister:** Mary Olney-Loyd

**Minister Emeritus:** Susumu Yamane

**Office Manager:** Dennis Lin

**Organist & Choir Accompanist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Guest Choir Director:** Cindy Debus