

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
May 11, 2014  
Mother's Day

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

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

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

**Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

**Prelude:**

Cindy Debus

***\*All who are able, please rise. Please speak in unison where text is bold.***

**\*Call to Worship**

L: We are different persons; each one of us unique.

**P: We look different, sound different, think different thoughts,  
Hold different opinions, feel different emotions.**

L: We are not one in the same. And yet, we gather together in a common faith.

**P: In this time of worship, we rehearse our common story,  
Sing our common song, give to one common mission of love, and  
live into the truth we share:**

**ALL: Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

**\*Invocation (UNISON):**

**Spirit of God, stir our hearts to grow in faith, and encourage our hands to work for the good of our families, our community and life together in the Body of Christ we call Church of the Holy Cross. Enrich our lives through the grace and presence of others that we may serve you in then world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise: "Faith of Our Fathers and Mothers" (see insert)**

**\*Confession: Creator God, who loves us as a father loves his daughter and who cares for us as a mother cares for her son, we gather to praise you for giving us life, to ask your forgiveness for the times when we do not use well the gift of life you give us, and to resolve anew to be more the person you want us to be. Thank you for loving us even when we are unloving or feel that we are unlovable. May you love us into wholeness. Amen.**

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

**\*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: "God of the Women" see insert,**

**Tune #451 "Be Thou My Vision"**

**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.**

**Scripture Psalm 23– UNISON**

<b>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me In the presence of my enemies;</b>	<b>You prepare a table before me you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.</b>
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**Anthem:** “Breath of Heaven” Eaton and Grant  
Na Leo Ni'o Lani

**Scripture:** Acts 2:42-47

**Sermon:** “What Makes an Attractive Church?” Rev. Ron Fujiyoshi

**\*Hymn #293 “There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**The Prayers**

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

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory:** Cindy Debus

**Doxology:** # 780 or # 781

**\*Prayer of Dedication (UNISON):**

**O God, most merciful and gracious, we have received your many blessings. Accept we pray this offering we bring. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given. May these gifts promote peace and goodwill among all persons and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sung response:

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

**\*Closing Hymn: #311 “Renew Your Church”**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction Response #496 “Ekolu Mea Nui”**

**Ekolu mea nui maka honua,  
O kamana’o i’o, kamana’o la na,  
a me kealoha. Kealoha kai oi a’e,  
pomaika’ina mea a pau, pomaika’ina mea a pau,**

\* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Cindy Debus

**Ushers:** Woody Kita, Jean Kita, Erin Kita,  
Mary Ann Katayama, Saeko Hayashi, Malia Mattos

**Flowers:** Jill and Theone Suzuki

**Childcare:** Woody Kita

**Interim Minister:** Mary Olney-Loyd

**Moderator:** Sue Smith

**Minister Emeritus:** Susumu Yamane

**Office Manager:** Dennis Lin

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Choir Director:** Pedro Ka’awaloa

**Choir Accompanist:** Katherine Wilson

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

Please join JP Thoma at Life Care Center to sing to the patients at 11am on May 19.

Enhancing Worship workshop to be held Saturday, June 14, 2014.  
8:30am Registration.

Pastor Mary Olney-Loyd will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, May 12 & 13. In case of Pastoral Emergency please call Sue Smith.

We welcome Rev. Ron Fujiyoshi to our pulpit today!

**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 in Sanctuary.
- **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** NO BIBLE STUDY Monday, May 12, 2014 6:30pm Pastor’s Study. Resume May 19, 2014. Read Acts 1-7
- **Bible Study** Wednesday 9:30am in Lounge read Acts 8, 9, 22, 26
- **IYAA Bible Study** is held each Wednesday evening 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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