

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
May 18, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

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

Millie Daikawa

**Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

**Prelude:**

Ruth Farrell

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

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: Beware this morning. You might just meet Jesus.

**All: But isn't Jesus the reason we came to worship?**

**Why should we be concerned?**

One: If we truly meet Jesus,  
the blinders to poverty and suffering may fall;  
the groans of creation might be heard.

If we pay attention,  
we may recognize our advantages.

Such knowledge could lead to change.

**All: We open ourselves to be transformed as we hear God's word.**

**\*Invocation: UNISON**

**God of new life, you fill us with hope and joy as we celebrate your presence in our daily walk. Open our hearts and minds to your presence this day, and each day. May we truly follow where you lead us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: #23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs 1 & 2**

**\* Prayer of Confession UNISON**

**O God, you know us better than we know ourselves.**

**You know what we try to hide, what we try to deny.**

**You know that we mean well.**

**Let us be open to new insights.**

**Let us see the persecuted and  
oppressed in our neighborhood,**

**the marginalized in our nation,  
the exploited peoples of our world.**

**Let us hear the words of Jesus  
and let those words change our hearts.**

**Let us see the face of Jesus in all the faces we encounter.**

**Amen**

**\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness (Sung)**

**Hymn: #23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs 1**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;**

**There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in  
God's heaven;**

**There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly  
judgments given.**

**Leader: God's mercy abounds. 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."

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

Bible Presentation - Pastor Mary, Swin Loa  
Congratulations Graduates! - Board of Christian Education  
Mahalo Teachers - Sunday School students

**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.**

**Choir Anthem:** "Built on the Rock" Gordon Young  
Na Leo Ni'o Lani

**Scripture:** Acts 9:1-20

**Sermon:** "Changing Course" Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**\*Hymn: #547 "Amazing Grace"**

**The Prayers**

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

**Call for Offering:** Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings, let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be called God's generous people.

**Offertory:** Ruth Farrell

**Doxology:** # 780 or # 781

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** UNISON

**Generous God, clothe us with joy in the knowledge that we make a difference in every dollar given. May these gifts be used for the glory of your name and for the healing of the world. Amen.**

Sung response:

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

**\*Closing Hymn: #497 "Guide My Feet"**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response:**

**#252 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" in Hawaiian vs 1**

Iesu no ke Kahuhipa, Kahuhipa ma'ika'i e,  
Eia makou ka'o hana ke ho'olohe a hahai:  
E aloha, e aloha, alaka'i a hanai mai,  
E aloha, e aloha, alaka'i a hanai mai.

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:**

Ruth Farrell

**Ushers:** Woody Kita, Jean Kita, Erin Kita,  
Mary Ann Katayama, Saeko Hayashi, Malia Mattos  
**Flowers:** Millie Uchima, Millie Kataoka (Memorial)  
**Childcare:** Dorothy Matsui  
**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 Monday.

Senior Ministry will be May 22, 2014. 10am-12pm in Building of Faith. All are welcome. Speaker will be Ron Fujiyoshi.

Let's gear up for VBS! Vacation Bible School will be held at our church on June 8, 9 and 10 from 5:30 - 8:00pm. Dinner at 5:30pm. Children will be participating in the "Workshop of Wonders" where they will be actively engaged to imagine and build with God! Open to students preschool - 8th grade, it's free and dinner is included! Call Dennis in the office to reserve your spot 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** Monday, May 19, 2014. Read Acts 1-7
- **Bible Study** Wednesday 9:30am in Lounge read Acts 8, 10-13
- **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 Lounge.
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets in the Lounge Thursday at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café