

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
May 25, 2014
Memorial Day

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church

Newton Chu

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:**

L: God has made this day.

P: Let us rejoice and be glad.

L: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life each day.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Invocation: UNISON**

Powerful and loving God, you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. God, raise us too. May fresh life burst among us like buds opening into leaves. May shells of distrust which keep us from loving dissolve, so new life may emerge. May new community form where fear has kept us from the stranger. Breathe on us with your Spirit so we may be open to newness. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #84 “This is the Day”**

***Litany for Memorial Day:**

L: Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

P: When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others.

L: O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another.

P: These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country—and for us.

L: Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for

P: by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no other young men and women follow them to a soldier’s grave unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.

L: Holy One, there are times when the cost of freedom is, indeed, dear.

P: Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.

All: Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done.

O God, help us to be worthy. 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

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: Revelation to John 21:1-6 and John 13:34-35

Anthem: IYAA

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

Sermon: "Imagine"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

The Prayers

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: "Tis the Gift to Be Simple"** (see insert) sing 2x

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:

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication: UNISON**

Gracious God, who gives us bountiful blessings: accept our offerings. Remember us in your love, who have given our gifts. May your Spirit work to renew us and bless those who are touched by our gifts. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Sung response:

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

***Closing Hymn: #77 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

*** Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction Response: #146 “Nu Oli” (refrain only)**

* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Lily Inouye (Memorial)

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 Ka’awaloa

Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

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.

The church office is asking to borrow large boxes or tubs to put files in as the office will be recarpeted in June. Please drop off in office, thank you!

This Week at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice** is at 8:30am in the Sanctuary on Sundays.
- **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, because of Memorial Day Bible Study Wed, May 28, 2014 6:30pm Read Acts 8, 10-13.
- **Bible Study** Wednesday 9:30am in Lounge read
Acts 14 and beyond
- **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** 2nd 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