

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
June 15, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

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

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**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, who created all things and named them "good,"  
has shaped us in the divine image.

**P: We come, into the presence of our Creator.**

L: Jesus, who led the way by carrying a cross, has brought us into  
God's Realm.

**P: We come, our brokenness made whole,  
into the presence of our Redeemer.**

L: The Holy Spirit, who brings us together from many places,  
calls us to be the household of God.

**P: We come, walls broken down,  
into the presence of our Sustainer.**

**\*Invocation (Unison):**

**Imaginative God, you spoke, and your Word carved towering peaks and cascading streams; your Breath stirred chaos, you are Creation's Architect! Jesus Christ, the poor and needy praise you, for you are their Brother. Sinners whisper your name, for you are our Hope: You are the Word made flesh! Spirit of Holiness, you are the bracing wind that drives away our sins; you are the fire that cleanses us by dancing in our hearts. God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers to you. Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise: #273 "Praise with the Joy the Worlds Creator"**

**\*Call to Confession:**

Do people see God when they look at us? Do they hear Jesus' words of welcome and hope when we speak? Do they see the fresh Spirit acting in our lives? Let us be honest with ourselves and God.

Let us pray together, saying:

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**God of Glory, Grace and Wisdom: you have made us in your image, but we do not always show your gracious face. We are called to follow the Christ, but fatigued by the stresses of our lives, we often do not have energy or enthusiasm. When we see the Spirit standing with the oppressed and outcast, we too often turn and walk the other way. Forgive us and strengthen us  
that we may follow you.**

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

Here is the good news: God continues to create wholeness out of the chaos and brokenness of our lives: filling our hearts with love, transforming our despair into hope, shaping us into your servants in this world. In Christ's name we are forgiven. 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**

**Sharing with Children**

Rev. Donald Schmidt

**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 8

**Special Music**

Pedro Ka'awaloa

**Anthem:** "Sing Unto the Lord"

by Linda Spevacek  
Na Leo Ni'o Lani

**Scripture:** John 1:1-15

**Sermon:** "Truer Than Mere Facts"

Rev. Donald Schmidt

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

**\*Hymn: #278 "Creator God, Still Creating"**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Call for Offering**

Let your light so shine before people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven. Let us receive our morning offering.

**Offertory:**

Kayleen Yuda

**Doxology:** # 780 or # 781

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

**O God, use our offerings of money, time, and talents to enliven your church, to encourage a world prone to discouragement, to enable a spreading of the love of Christ. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. 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: #284 "Joys are Flowing Like a River"**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction Response: #252 “Savior, Like A Shepherd”**

**Iesu no ke Kahuhipa, Kahuhipa ma’ika’i e,**

**Eia makou ka’ ohana 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:**

Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** Stefan, Jennifer, Lois and Ken Tanouye

**Flowers:** Rick and Pat Tanimoto, Laura Nakasone

**Refreshments:** Tanouye Family

**Childcare:** Jean 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 Shioshita

**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.
- **Samoa 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, June 16, 6:30pm finish reading Acts of the Apostles
- **Bible Study Wednesday** June,18 9:30am
  - NO Bible Study meet again Wed. June 25
- **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