

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
June 8, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD
Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church
Carol Morioka

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: Spirit of the Living God, visit us again on this day.

P: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers.

P: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

P: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

P: Come, Holy Spirit

L: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

P: Come, Holy Spirit

L: With Power from above to make our weakness strong,

All: Come Holy, Spirit. Amen!

***Invocation (Unison):**

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew your whole creation, nature and grace, soul and body, and all manner of matter. Move in and around us and fill us with your creative energy and extravagant light. May our hearts be open, may our hearts be stirred, for the work of love to which you call us and the hope of the world for which we labor. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #261 "Let Every Christian Pray"**

***Call to Confession:** Jesus said: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you," But we may fear the Spirit's power when it invites us to new life.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We admit Source of our life, even though you offer us new life through the Spirit we may cling to our old comforts. When the Spirit offers us freedom we may not wish to let go of certainty. Though the Spirit offers us power, we may shrink from challenges, needing courage. Forgive us O God, help us to listen and watch for the Spirit's voice of guidance and the Spirit's power and strength. Help us move with courage into the world spreading your love and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

People of God, Leap up, dance! The Spirit is here in healing power. Your sins are forgiven. Rise up in the new life of the Spirit!

***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

Worship Dance

IYAA

***Hymn #286 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

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.

Anthem: "Sing with the Spirit" Arranged by Shafferman
Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "Spirit Poured Out-Bringing Life" Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

One: Creator God, who came to us as Jesus the Christ and who fills us with the Holy Spirit, breathe in us anew this day

People: (singing following words to "Spirit of the Living God," #283)

"Spirit of the Living God, breathe afresh on us, Spirit of the Living God, breathe afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the Living God, breathe afresh on us."

One: Living God, as we celebrate the birthing of the church on this Pentecost Sunday, we remember the faithful ministry of our forebears who toiled to establish our congregation as a beacon of hope in this community. Breathe your Spirit in us as we seek to keep their legacy of faith alive in this new day and age.

People: (singing) repeat above

One: Loving God, as we rededicate our commitment to minister in the name of Christ, we give thanks for your life-sustaining presence that renews our calling to be the hands and feet of mission. Breathe your Spirit in us as we strive to bring the gospel alive in this new day and age.

People: (singing) repeat above

One: Gracious God, empower us as a congregation to speak boldly and to act courageously on the journey of ministry that lies before us, affirming our heritage and proclaiming our hope. Breathe your Spirit in us as we strive to bring the gospel alive in this new day and age.

People: (singing) repeat above

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Call for Offering:

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. Your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Your gifts help God's children know: "God is still speaking." Let us receive our morning offering.

Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

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

Thank you for the empowering gift of your Holy Spirit! May our faith be strengthened, our spirits enlivened, so we may serve you with these gifts and the gifts of our time and energy to bring your transforming love to the world. Amen.

*Sung response:

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

***Closing Hymn: #282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response: #146 "Nu Oli"**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude:

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Stefan, Jennifer, Lois and Ken Tanouye

Flowers: Eileen Shiraishi

Childcare: Jane Kawazoe

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

Vacation Bible School begins today, June 8-Tuesday June 10, 2014.

From 5:30pm-8pm in Building of Faith.

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, 6:30pm, in Pastor's Study read through
Acts 22.
- **Bible Study** Wednesday 9:30am in Lounge read
through Acts 22
- **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

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!