

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
July 13, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting** Anne Sadayasu

**Pastoral Welcome** Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

**Prelude:** Kayleen Yuda

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Fresh pineapple juices drip down our chins,

**People: praise is due to you, God of the harvest!**

Leader: families picnic by the sea, splashing in ke kai:

**People: Praise is due to you, God of summer days!**

Leader: fathers teaching keiki to bait a hook,

mothers watch their children play:

**People: praise is due to you, God of our lives!**

**\* Hymn of Praise: #319 Sing Them Over Again to Me**  
**(Wonderful Words of Life)**

**\*Prayer of Praise and Confession (Unison):**

**Sower of living hearts,**

**sower of tenderness,**

**sower of courage,**

**sower of service,**

**sower of prayer,**

**sower of light.**

**Lord,**

**sow within us!**

**Sower of gifts,**

**sower of forgiveness,**

**sower of faith,**

**sower of joy,**

**sower of life,**

**sower of the Beatitudes.**

**Lord, sow**

**in the hearts of all people!**

**Even if we are hard**

**as stones,**

**be patient with us!**

**Your Good News**

**Will manage to slip between the tight cracks**

**in our rock and will**

**grow into giant sheaves**

**of Good News! Amen.**

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

There is no judgment on us for we are rooted in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of Life has set us free from that which leads to sin and death. Let our roots go deep into God’s love as we grow in the grace of Christ Jesus, and are nourished by the Spirit of life. 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**

**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.**

**Special Music** “Vergin, tutto amor” (“Virgin, fount of Love,” a Prayer)

By Francesco Durante

Katherine Wilson

(Virgin, fount of love, Dear Mother, thou of mercy whose heart was riven, O hearken, Queen of Heaven, Harken to a sinner’s cry  
Let kind compassion move thee, In mercy hear her sad lamenting,  
Her mournful moan ascending unto Thy throne of grace on high)

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:10-13

**\*Hymn: #528 “You Are the Seed” verses 1, 2, 3 in English**

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9

**Sermon:** “Foolish Farming or Abundant Blessings”

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

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

**\*Hymn: #292 “Breathe on Me Breath of God”**

**Call for Offering:**

We see that God’s numerous blessings abound, so we give from lives full of blessings. May our gifts come from our hearts filled by God’s boundless gifts.

**Offertory:**

Kayleen Yuda

**\*Doxology: # 780 or # 781**

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

**Merciful and gracious God, we have received your bountiful blessings of compassion and love. Accept our offerings we pray. May our gifts become blessings for others. May our giving promote peace among all persons, making earth more like heaven. 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: #454 “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response: #146 Nu Oli refrain only**

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:**

Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** James Yoshiyama, Connie Yoshiyama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem,  
Carol Morioka

**Flowers:** Margaret Torigoe (Memorial)

**Childcare:** James Yoshiyama

**Interim Minister:** Mary Olney-Loyd

**Moderator:** Sue Smith

**Minister Emeritus:** Susumu Yamane

**Office Manager:** Dennis Lin

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

### **This Week at Church of the Holy Cross**

- **Rhythm & Life exercise class** No class on Tuesday, July 15
- **Bible Study**
  - Monday, July 14, 6:30pm. Please read Luke chapter 10
- **Bible Study** Wednesday July 16, 9:30am
  - ALL are invited to walk and pray (at a labyrinth) at Church of the Holy Apostles at 1407 Kapiolani St., Hilo, Hawaii.
- **International Young Adults Association 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)
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho’opakele** meets in the Lounge Thursday at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J’s Café

### **Other Congregations that Worship here Today**

- **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.

### **BF=Building of Faith**

- **Allan Boesak**, author and guest speaker, July 22, 7pm in BF and July 23, 9am in BF.
- **Church Picnic**, August 10 in BF after service.