

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
July 27, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting Gary Loyd

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**

Puna side:

Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

Hamakua side:

We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

Puna: Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in his graciousness.

Hamakua:

God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.

Puna: Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

Hamakua: We rejoice with God who is with us always.

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

Come, Spirit of God, and hide within us a yeast that will cause us to rise in resurrection and praise. Come, Spirit of God, and hide within us that which will grow through the hearing of God's Word so we may share bread of life with those in need of hope. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

***Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)**

What can we say about our foolish lives, God of Love? Too often, we choose to worship power when we could serve others in humility. We become anxious when we could turn our concerns over to you. We understand that death has lost its power over us through your love, yet we fear it still. For believing that our sins are more powerful than your mercy, forgive us, Grace of the world. You cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your realm. Your Spirit carries whispered prayers to you, and you embrace us with hope, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

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

Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us - Christ prays for us! This is the love which binds us to God forever. There is nothing in this word, or beyond, which will keep us from being God's children. 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

Special Music "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

"Jesus Loves Me" arranged by William Bradbury
Star Bells Hand bell Choir

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 International Young Adults Association

Scripture: Romans 8:28-39

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: "God's Realm is Like..." Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: "Seek Ye First"** (see insert)

Call for Offering

It doesn't take much to turn things toward healing. With the Spirit of God, our tiny offerings become storehouses for hope. Our barely visible ministries become important to make another world possible. We give our selves, our lives, our offerings in a sacred trust that God is at work and wastes nothing we share.

Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

We offer our gifts to you, Steadfast Love, not because you need them, but we need to give back in response to your expansive love. And we give gifts so others might be as blessed as we are by your presence, your power, and your peace. Amen.

***Sung response: "From All That Dwell below the Skies" vs 1**

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land,
by every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Closing Hymn: #528 “You Are the Seed”**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response:**

#252 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” in Hawaiian

**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:

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Margaret Torigoe

Childcare: Kay Kawachika

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Thank you Star Bells for sharing your music!

Fumi Maeda, June Amasaki, Kahori Aoki, and Roberta Horita

This Week at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**
 - No class, July 29-August 11, Resume August 12
- **Bible Study Monday, July 28, 6:30pm.**
- **Bible Study Wednesday, July 30 9:30am.**
- **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

Back to School Breakfast

Welcome students Pre through High School
Sunday, August 10th at 8:45am
Building of Faith

- **Church Picnic, August 10 in BF after service.**