

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
July 6, 2014
Communion Sunday

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

Words of Greeting Reilly Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: “Sicilienne” by Faure
Thoma Kayleen Yuda and Jean Pierre

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to our God, all who hunger for life:

People: for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace

Leader: Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:

People: for it is God who provides the rest we need.

Leader: Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

People: for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

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

Eternal God, you sing a song of silence to our noisy hearts, inviting us to still our fidgeting souls, and find our peace in your strong hands. Jesus Christ, you reveal God to us in the gentleness of your words and the peace of your shared yoke. Spirit of Rest: you open our eyes to the wonders of the world. May we find our rest, our hope, in you, God in Community, Holy in One.

*** Hymn of Praise: #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

***Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)**

We are so skilled at being in control, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. Forgive us, Shalom Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you.

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

Repeat these words after me (in short phrases):

Come to me/ all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens/
and I will give you rest. (Leader says each phrase then invites the congregation to repeat what just said. repeat it phrase by phrase -- marked by /)

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn: #591 “This Is My Song”**

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 Soloist Jean Pierre Thoma

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25a

Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: “An Easy Yoke” Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

***Hymn:** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” see insert

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***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."

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Call for Offering:

We come with our gifts, of money, time and energy. We also bring the gifts of the bread and the cup – gifts from Jesus Christ for all the people.

Offertory: Kayleen Yuda

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we thank you for the freedom you offer us in Jesus the Christ. Thank you that you gift us with skills and abilities. Accept our gifts of service, time and the money we offer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Sung response: #562 Take My Gifts vs 1, 2, 3**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

***Closing Hymn: #459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #496 “Ekolu Mea Nui” vs 1**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: Kayleen Yuda
Ushers: James Yoshiyama, Connie Yoshiyama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem,
Carol Morioka
Flowers: Blanche Maeda, Betty Pacheco
Childcare: Mary Ann Katayama
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 July 8, resume July 15
- **Bible Study** Monday, July 7, 6:30pm read Ch. 13
- **Bible Study** Wednesday July 9, 9:30am read Ch. 13
- **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
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** Thursday, July 10, 12pm in Lounge.
- **Sunday, July 13** Council, Deacons meet following worship.

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.

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