

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
August 10, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting Millie Daikawa

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: Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. *(Isaiah 40:31 NRSV)*

People: We need this kind of hope.

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets us where we are.
Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

People: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

***Prayer of Praise**

Leader: God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, you meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives.

People: God of Renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water, you lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life.

All: God of the Journey, you direct us in your way, you work out your purpose in and through our lives. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #25 “O God Our Help in Ages Past”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds us. At times we turn our eyes to the challenges of this life, and lose our focus on God. We can begin again, imagine a new way of being. We may be shaken by life’s storms—yet God remains trustworthy. God loves us, Christ will lift us from the waves of doubt and the Holy Spirit will rescue us from currents of insecurity and alienation.

L: In these moments of quiet reflection confess to God all that separates you from God and one another.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

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

Take heart, do not be afraid. Every one who calls upon God’s name will be saved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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.

Scripture: Romans 10: 5-15

Special Music "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Cesareo Gaharain
Gary Loyd and Mary Olney-Loyd

Scripture: Mathew 14: 22-33

Sermon: "Buoyed by Faith" Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: #474 "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"**

Invitation to the Offering

"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim to them? (Romans 10:13-15)

You have been saved. You have believed. You are sent. Offer yourselves then to the work of invitation, community and purpose in this place and around the world.

Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

Loving God, we believe that you have saved us, you are saving us and you will save us. We offer to you our whole lives as a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Use us; multiply us and these gifts we have placed at your altar, to extend the invitation of life, community and purpose in this place and around the world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #403 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response: #146 “Nu Oli” refrain only**
Nu oli! Nu oli! Nu kamaha’o!
Kamaha’o! Kamaha’o! E! Nu oli! Nu Oli!
He nu no ke ola, E hauo’li E!

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: Kayleen Yuda
Ushers: Kay Kawachika, Cindy Debus, Newton Chu, Jane Kawazoe
Flowers: Ichiko Hisanaga and Anne Sadayasu (Memorial)
Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd
Moderator: Sue Smith
Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane
Office Manager: Dennis Lin
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Mary Olney-Loyd & Gary Loyd will on vacation Monday, Aug 11 – Sunday Aug 17.

We welcome Ron Fujiyoshi, who will preach on Sunday, Aug 17.
Rev. Ruth Farrell will be available in case of pastoral emergency while Mary is gone. Her number is 617-970-0902.

Aug. 23 Youth event at Captain Cook. Speak to Pastor Mary or James Yoshiyama for more information. Flyers at rear of sanctuary.

SAVE THIS DATE! Sun. AUG 24! Plan to remain after worship for an ALL CHURCH POTLUCK lunch and special program, “*Looking Back, to Look Ahead*” for the ENTIRE CONGREGATION.

This Week at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**
 - No class, July 29-August 11, Resume August 12
- **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 17th at 8:45am
Building of Faith

The Annual All Church Picnic has been postponed. We will let you know when it has been rescheduled.