

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
August 17, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting Stefan Tanouye

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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Leader: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

People: The nations are in an uproar, the empires totter; God's voice resounds and the earth melts.

Leader: The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

People: Come, behold the works of God; see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

Leader: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.

People: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

Leader: The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

Maker of Our Days, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses. Restorer of Our Souls, you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain and drawn us into right relationship with you and one another. Breath of Our Lives, Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #423 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence, Lord have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

**When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others,
Christ have mercy.**

Time for personal reflection and confession.

**In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,
Lord have mercy.**

Time for personal reflection and confession.

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

God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need. Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are, challenges us to let go of our guilt and provides a way for us to walk on together. 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

International Young Adult Association

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon: "The Faith of a Canaanite Woman" Rev. Ron Fujiyoshi

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

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

Invitation to the Offering

In times of plenty and want, God provides for our deepest needs. Give generously out of the abundance of God's blessing in these lean years so that God's work might continue.

Offertory: Kayleen Yuda

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

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

Holy God, you are our provider. We dedicate to your service our lives and these offerings from your blessing and our labor. Work in us and through us to extend your love and care, here and around the world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

*** Benediction**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude:

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Kay Kawachika, Cindy Debus, Newton Chu, Jane Kawazoe

Flowers: Barbara Iwami, Dr. & Mrs. Bill Chen (Memorial)

Childcare: Millie Daikawa

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Thank you to Ron Fujiyoshi for preaching this morning! We appreciate your presence at Church of the Holy Cross!

Pastor Mary will be home from vacation and at the church on Monday, August 18. Thank you to Ruth Farrell who has been available in case of pastoral emergency while Mary was on vacation.

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

This Week at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**
 - No class, July 29-August 11, Resume August 12
- **No Bible Study** on Monday August 18 and Wednesday August 20.
- **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

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.

**The Annual All Church Picnic has been postponed until
September 14, 2014.**