

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
August 24, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting** Newton Chu

**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**

Sisters and brothers—Arise.

Lift your hearts

Lift your eyes

Lift your voices.

The living God,  
the living, moving, Spirit of God  
has called us together—

in witness

in celebration

in struggle.

Reach out toward each other. Our God reaches out toward us!

Let us worship God!

**\*Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

If it had not been for you, God, we would not be here: You inspired our ancestors in faith – Henry Opukahai, the first Hawai’ian to become Christian, the Lyman family, who brought Christianity to Hilo, Rev. Okabe, who founded this congregation, and many others who journeyed in faith to this place. We give thanks for their faithfulness and for your continuing guidance. Open our hearts and minds to hear, to see, to know your presence with us this day as we celebrate our history in faith and discern your guidance for the future. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**\* Hymn of Praise: #376 “God, We Thank You for Our People”**

**\*Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Hear the good news: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God’s love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew. 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.**

### Special Music

Chris Tomich

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9

**Scripture:** Matthew 22:36-40

**Sermon:** “Looking Back to Look Ahead” Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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

**\*Hymn: #498 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”**

**\*Statement of Faith #885 in New Century Hymnal**

### Invitation to the Offering

The God who brought the slaves out of Egypt, who led them to the promised land and guided them and guides us too. The one God of history is leading us. Out of our gratitude we offer our gifts to God. We will now receive the offering.

### Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**We thank you for your guiding love O God. We rest in your care. Accept these our gifts for your service in this your church and in the world. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #311 “Renew Your Church”**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response: #327 “Jesus Loves Me” in Hawaiian**

**He aloha ko Iesu I ke keiki li'i li'i no,  
Nona no ko po'e li'i li'i, Nona wau ka poki'i nei.  
Keiki aloha! Keiki aloha! Keiki aloha!  
Ke aloha! Iesu!**

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

### Postlude:

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Flowers:** Herb Watanabe (Memorial)

**Childcare:** Reiko Masutomi

**Interim Minister:** Mary Olney-Loyd

**Moderator:** Sue Smith

**Minister Emeritus:** Susumu Yamane

**Office Manager:** Dennis Lin

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

## **Please join us for a potluck after worship in the Building of Faith.**

### **Dates to Remember**

**Sunday School Begins today, August 24.**

**Choir Practice begins today, August 24, first song will be on August 31.**

### **September 7, 2014 Kalaupapa Sunday**

Worship will focus on the story of the *Kalaupapa community on Molokai*. This colony for persons with Hanson's Disease was established in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, isolating persons and causing hardship for them. Father Damien became famous for his ministry there. However there was a UCC presence too. We'll learn about this and the deeper issues of justice and compassion!

### **September 14, Martha Mensendiek, UCC missionary to Japan, Church Picnic follows worship (Postponed due to Iselle)**

Martha Mensendiek works at Doshisha University, a Christian university, with a history of being in solidarity with the poor and discriminated class in Japanese society, as well as in the wider world. Following worship we'll enjoy our church picnic with Bento lunch, games, and fun for children & all ages!

### **September 28, October 5, 12, 19 Looking Ahead at CHC!**

Save these dates for fun, food and fellowship following worship. These times together will further our Interim work. We need your help in this process! Please plan to attend! We'll provide food and ask you sign up in worship or by calling the church, 935-1283.

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

- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, BF Tuesdays, 3:30pm
- **Choir Practice**, 8:30am in Sanctuary
- **Bible Study** on Monday August 25 6:30pm in Pastor's Study and Wednesday August 27 9:30am in Lounge
  - Read Exodus Ch. 1-3
- **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 3pm today.
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary today 4pm.

**BF=Building of Faith**