

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
August 31, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting Jane Kawazoe

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**

One: Praise God!

All: We will sing praise to God.

One: Praise God!

All: We will seek God's strength and presence continually.

One: Praise God!

All: We will remember God's wonderful works throughout the ages.

One: Praise God!

All: For it is right to give God thanks and praise.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

God, you meet us where we are, and gently guide us to where we will be. When we miss one sign, you send us another until we are compelled to respond in wonder and awe. In our time together we know that you will continually guide and lead us in surprising and unexpected way, for we know that you are with us always, as we dream dreams of a new heaven and earth. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: # 24 "The God of Abraham Praise"**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

We confess the times we have tried to run away for something that was your desire for us, God. We confess the times that we've made excuses, or thought someone else should do it, or said we didn't understand, or said we'd have to check with somebody else. We seek to turn toward your desire for us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

God knows we are confused, forget, or question. God is ready each time to call us back to our true, created selves. Our sin is forgiven. Rejoice in God's freeing presence. 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.

Hymn of Response: #490 “I Want Jesus to Go with Me”

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45

*Puna side: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Hamakua: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

P: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

H: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

*P: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles,
and the judgments he uttered,*

H: O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

P: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

H: And the Lord made his people very fruitful,
and made them stronger than their foes,

P: whose hearts God then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

H: He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

All: Praise the Lord!

Anthem: “All Praise to Thee Tallis Canon” arr. by Marie Pooler
Na Leo Ni’o Lani

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15; Matthew 16:24-26

Sermon: “Our Uneasy Relationship with God” Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: # 497 “Guide My Feet”**

Invitation to the Offering

We offer our gifts to God, remembering Jesus’ words: If God has been generous with you, God will expect you to serve well. But if God has been more than generous, God will expect you to serve even better.

Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

We offer these our gifts; we offer our very selves. Use our monetary gifts and use our skills to make earth more like heaven. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: # 575 “O for a World”**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response: #496 “Ekolu Mea Nui” in Hawaiian**

**Ekolu mea nui maka honua,
O kamana’o i’o, kamana’o la na,
a me kealoha. Kealoha kai oi a’e,
pomaika’ina mea a pau, pomaika’ina mea a pau**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude:

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Roberta Chu, Alice Fujimoto

Childcare: Anne Sadayasu

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Dates to Remember

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 19th 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 the congregation's process in the interim time. 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. 1-12
- **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