

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
September 14, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude:

**All who are able, please rise.*

Please speak in unison where text is bold.

***Call to Worship**

One: From the depths of my soul I hear your gentle voice inviting me once again to give away your love.

All: “Do not leave anyone without love. Do not forget anyone.

Give from what you have received.”

One: Dare to do as I did. Rejoice in my peace. Rejoice as you serve.

Never doubt in stretching out your hands in blessing as you give and receive.

All: Serve all persons without restrictions, without judging for whom.

Forget your prejudices, fears and trust my voice inside you.

One: When you give in truth what I have placed in you, you will receive a double portion of Shalom.

All: We From the depths of my soul I hear your gentle voice inviting me once again to give away your love. Come let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day. Clear out the cobwebs of closed minds and outworn ideas. Fill us with the freshness of your living love. Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place ready to be your people in the world. We ask this in the name of the one who came to reconcile the world to you, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: # 495 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

Come, Spirit of God, fall upon me.

For I have lost the riches of my faith and in my poverty, I hunger to hear good news. For I am captive to my pain and sadness and from this prison, I long for release. For I have shut

my eyes to the despair of the world and in my blindness, yearn to recover your vision. For I am oppressed by obligations and skewed priorities and my soul aches for freedom. I ask for courage to stand and proclaim God's favor pouring out abundant life. Justice and peace, truth and mercy fulfilled in all creation as promised in scripture. Come, Spirit of God, fall upon me. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

God is faithful, slow to anger and quick to forgive. God hears our confessions, forgives our sins, and gives us a new beginning. May we live in the assurance that we are God's forgiven people and empowered to break our deafening silence, speaking justice and defending those who are helpless and have no hope. Hear the Good News: you are forgiven, in Jesus' name. 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

Time with Children

Martha Mensendiek

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: #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love"

Scripture: Exodus 14:1-9

Anthem: "Wade in the Water" Spiritual arr. by Schram

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Ephesians 2:14-22

Sermon: "A Dwelling in Our Hearts"

Martha Mensendiek

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: # 290 “Spirit of God, Descent upon my Heart”**

Invitation to the Offering

Our offerings are to express our deep sense of thanksgiving. They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us give as we are able – with joy!

Offertory: Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able please rise and remain standing for the rest of the service.

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

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

We bring these our gifts of Thy service, dear Savior; Receive them and bless them, for Thy kingdom’s sake. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: # 526 “We Are Walking in the Light of God”**

**We are walking in the light of God
We are walking in the light of God
We are walking, we are walking,
We are walking in the light of God**

2 Marching

4 Praying

3 Singing

5 Dancing

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response: # 146 Nu o Li (refrain only)**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude:

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA, Jayson Rekis

Flowers: Miyeko Yamane

Childcare: Eric Tanouye

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez

Interim Choir Director: Katherine Wilson

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Dates to Remember and Reminders

The Calabash for the Kalaupapa Project is located at the back of the Sanctuary for your donations.

September 14, We Welcome Martha Mensendiek, UCC missionary to Japan Church Picnic follows worship

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

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30am in Sanctuary
- **Monday Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. clergy gathers with Martha Mensendiek in the Lounge; at 11:30 am please join Martha, Stewardship and Mission for lunch in the lounge. 5 p.m. Interim Advisory Committee meets in Pastor's study**
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, BF Tuesdays, 3:30pm
- **Bible Study** on Monday September 15 at 6:30pm Congregation Invited in Pastor's Study and Wednesday September 17 in the Lounge at 9:30 am (Read Exodus Ch. 14-16)
- **International Young Adults Association Bible Study** is held each Wed evening 7:30 p.m.
- **Qi Goong exercise class** meets Fri 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