

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
September 21, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting Latai Loa

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: In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

All: We are given enough joy to live each day.

One: In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

All: We are given enough compassion to use in service each day.

One: In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

All: We are given enough grace to share each day.

***Prayer of Praise**

*** Hymn of Praise: # 391 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”**

***Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, or home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us). Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

Anthem: “O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy” *Na Leo Ni’o Lani Pergolesi*

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

One: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God’s kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration and new life.

All: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Forgiveness: 547 “Amazing Grace verses 1, 3, 4

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time 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 glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

One: O give thanks to God, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

All: Seek God and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

All: O offspring of God's servants Abraham and Sarah, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

One: Then God brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

All: Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon Egypt.

One: God spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

All: They asked, and God brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

One: God opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

All: For God remembered God's promise, and Abraham and Sarah, God's Servants.

One: So God brought God's people out with joy, God's chosen ones with singing.

All: God gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

One: that they might keep God's statutes and observe God's law.
Praise be to God!

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon: "Bread Rains"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

***Hymn: # 407 "How Firm a Foundation verses 1-4"**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

We give thanks for the many blessings God provides us. We give thanks for the hands that have folded so many cranes for peace. May our hands and our lives be dedicated to bringing peace to those near us. Today, we give thanks for the blessings of Sabbath rest, of bread to eat and to share. We are grateful that we have more than enough so we can share with others. God, bless, these our gifts given in gratitude for your many blessings. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #677 “Let There be Peace on Earth”**

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction Response:

#496 “Ekolu Mea Nui” (vs 1 in Hawaiian)

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude:

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA, Jayson Rekis

Flowers: Joyce Nakamoto

Childcare: Moira Tanaka

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

September 25 at 10 a.m. Sachi Fukuda will demonstrate the making of delicious Cream Puffs in the Building of Faith

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 to sign up in worship or by calling the church, 935-1283.

This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, FG Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
- **Bible Study** Monday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 pm in the Pastor’s Study and Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Read Matthew Ch. 5, 6, 7
- **Qi Goong exercise** class meets Friday morning 9-10:30 a.m. (BF, open to church members)
- **Ballroom Dance** class will meet on Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- **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