

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
September 28, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting** Anne Sadayasu

**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: Come, all who are poor in Spirit;

**All: Come all who mourn;**

One: Come all who are meek:

**All: Come, all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.**

One: Come, all who would be merciful;

**All: Come, all who would be pure in heart.**

One: Come, all who would be peacemakers.

**All: Let us come together – the weak, the simple, the powerless, the foolish.**

One: Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.  
Let us worship the God of every blessing.

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise: # 31 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**\*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**Let us offer our prayers of confession for the times we have tried to be self sufficient and have denied our need for God. (silence)**

Let us confess those things which have gotten in the way of our relationship with God.  
(silence)

Let us pray for grace to be poor in spirit and to lean on God and each other. (silence)

Let us pray for all who mourn their losses. (silence)

Let us pray for Grace to mourn with those who mourn and to share their suffering.  
(silence)

Let us give thanks that God is merciful and gracious, hears our prayers, and grants our requests made in Jesus' name. (silence)

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

God is gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

God releases us from our sins and frailties and comforts our sorrows. The Spirit draws us closer into a compassionate embrace. We are forgiven. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

## 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 the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn for Children: #327 "Jesus Loves Me" vs 1

Scripture: Matthew 4:23 – 5:13 NRSV      Anne Sadayasu

Special Music:    International Young Adults Association

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-13              from the Message

Sermon: "Living into God's Good News"

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Please rise.

\*Hymn: # 173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

**Invitation to the Offering**

Having been blessed by God and receiving new life in Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the abundance of God's loving kindness. We will now receive the morning offering.

**Offertory:** Kayleen Yuda

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

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

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received: accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: #319 "Sing Them Over Again to Me"**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response: Jesus Loves Me in Hawaiian**

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

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:**

Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** IYAA, Jayson Rekis

**Flowers:** Lilian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye &  
Kyle Nakayama families

**Childcare:** Merle Okabe

**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**

You are welcomed to stay for a light lunch and the Congregational Gathering. We meet in the Building of Faith following worship. Please sit with persons with whom you would like to get better acquainted! We invite you to sit with persons you do not usually talk with! Following lunch there will be a program about what the Church needs to know about how the world has changed!

### **2014 Neighbors In Need**

“Imagining Another World Is Possible”

Your gifts matter! As a community, we are changing lives. Please place all donations in the provided envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary.

### **Church of the Holy Cross Membership Directory Update**

An insert has been included in the Bulletin for you to update your contact information, birthdates, children, etc.

Please place the updated insert into the Bulletin Box.

### **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
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, BF Tuesdays, 3:30pm
- **Bible Study** every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastor’s Study and Wednesday in the Lounge at 9:30 am
  - Read Matthew Ch. 5, 6, 7
- **International Young Adults Association Bible Study** is held each Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.
- **Qi Goong exercise class** meets Friday morning 9-10:30 a.m.  
(BF, open to church members)
- **Ballroom Dance class** will meet on September 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**