

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
October 5, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting** Karl Kawahara

**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: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

**All: God scatters life about the planet.**

One: God scatters people across the globe.

**All: God scatters disciples far and wide.**

One: Like a shepherd, God gathers.

**All: God gathers people in families.**

One: God gathers people in communities.

**All: God gathers people in the Church of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**God, you gather us here on this World Communion Sunday with our brothers and sisters throughout the Church, across the bounds of language or nation, across the bounds of tradition or custom. God, you gather us at this table to recall the cost of faith and to celebrate the richness of Christ's gifts showered upon us and the world. Today we are**

blesed to celebrate this sacred meal with neighbors who come from next door and far away. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**\* Hymn of Praise: # 395 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

**\*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

Gracious God, we too often focus on the differences among us, rather than celebrating what we share in common.

Forgive us.

Help us to remember we are brothers and sisters to all of humanity, each and all of us created in your image.

When we choose conflict, redirect our thoughts and actions to your love and your call to love each other. Amen.

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

As children of God, we are loved tenderly.

God longs to bring us into God's embrace.

By the life and love of Jesus, you are forgiven and free.

**\*Gloria Patri**

## **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Gift of Music from the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa**

**Time with Children**

**Lord's Prayer** (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]

Please pray this prayer in your "mother tongue."

**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.**

**Please be seated.**

**Gift of Music from Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga**

**Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20**

**Sermon: "Zesty Disciples"**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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

**Anthem**      **Kuimba Asante Sing Thanks!**

*Na Leo Ni'o Lani*

**Dave & Jean Perry**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

In thanksgiving for God's blessings to us, let us give of our treasure as an offering to God. May our gifts and our lives spread zest for life and light where there is darkness or doubt. We will now receive our morning offering.

### **Offertory:**

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

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

**Loving God, as Jesus made a few loaves and fish into a meal for thousands, multiply our offerings. Take these gifts of many breads from around our neighborhood and our world as a token of our desire for oneness with all who share your bread of life today.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Communion Hymn: #347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

**Invitation:**

**Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd**

**Consecrating Bread and Cup**

**Rev. Stiven Pousima &**

**Rev. Take Sunia**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Take a bread of your choice from the basket and dip it in the cup. If you wish, we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the Sanctuary.

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

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with bread and the cup. Send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant**

us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: 393 Blessed Be the Tie that Binds**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response: Nu oli! On p 146 refrain only** **printed here**

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:**

We welcome the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, Rev. Take Sunia, pastor and the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Rev. Stiven Pousima, pastor to worship today as we celebrate World Communion Sunday!

Breads on our Communion Table include: banana bread for the Caribbean and Tropical area, pita for the Middle East, French representing Europe, poi representing Hawai'i, and an empty bowl for those who are hungry. As you come to the Lord's Supper please take a piece of the bread of your choice and dip it in the cup.

Please join us at J's Café for refreshments following worship. Following a time of fellowship Church of the Holy Cross has a Congregational Gathering in the Building of Faith, as we talk story and reflect on what we hold dear, or value highly at CHC.

**Ushers:** Ben Masutomi, Sets Takemoto,  
Rei Matsutomi, Dorothy Matsui & Tammy Nagami

**Flowers:** Michi Enomoto

**Childcare:** Lolita 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

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 we value at the Church of the Holy Cross!

### 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** – worships in the BF.
- **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