

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
October 26, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Lei Cruz

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude:

****All who are able, please rise. Please speak in unison where text is bold.***

***Call to Worship** **from Psalm 90**

Eternal and Immortal One, You have been our refuge in all
generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, before You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, You are the Alpha and Omega.

When our days on Earth are ended, You welcome us home to your Heart, to the City of
Light, where time is eternal and days are not numbered.

You gather those who love You as friends returning from a long journey, giving rest to their
souls.

You anoint them with the balm of understanding, healing wounds of the past.

For our days on Earth are a mystery, a searching for You, a yearning for the great Mystery
to make itself known.

Let the grace and gentleness of the Holy Spirit be upon us, guiding our feet upon paths of
Love Consciousness. Increase the Light within us – O Beloved, hear our prayer! Amen.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

One: God, for all the saints I give you thanks –

**All: For grandparents and godparents, for doctors and teachers, for coaches and
pastors.**

One: God, for all the saints I give you thanks –

All: For authors of books that have moved me, for friends whose advice has guided me,

One: For strangers who proved an example,

All: For my children and the children of others who have given me courage.

One: God, for all the saints I give you thanks –

All: For those who have died, and those who are living,

One: For those who knew they made a difference

All: And those who never will.

All: God, for all the saints I give you thanks. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: # 300 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

Call to Reconciliation

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, but all too often act as if the memos from sin and death have more influence in our lives. Let us confess our sins, so we might know God’s great love for us.

***Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families, yet are unable to tell them how much we love them. We care more about our needs and desires, than for the struggles of our neighbors. We ask that the Spirit of wisdom would blow through our lives forgiving and renewing us with your grace. Restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow. Refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, 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.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Anthem: International Young Adult Association

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-36

Sermon: "Very Dear to Us"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #299 "For All the Saints" vs 1

We remember those Members and Friends of Church of the Holy Cross who have entered life eternal:

Tokie Fujimoto

Charles Koizumi

Ronald Miyasato

Laura Hisako Nakasone

Florence Okuyama

Margaret Ushijima

Natalie Rivera Laxa

As each name is read our church bell will be tolled and a candle lit in remembrance of each person's life, and in thanks for their new life in Christ. After these names are read to the congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one. When all have lit candles we will sing together:

Hymn: #299 "For All the Saints" vs 2, 3, 5

Invitation to the Offering

Ruth Niino-Du Ponte

Anyone who has ever loved knows that to love is to give – to give from the place we feel it most. This giving may be sacrificial, but the sacrifice is compromised if it cannot be done joyfully. May we join together in the delight of giving?

Offertory: Kayleen Yuda

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

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #497 “Guide My Feet”**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response:**

#393 “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds” vs 1 & 4

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.
When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Family of Laura Nakasone

Childcare: Jeanne Hernandez

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

Sunday, November 16
Associate Conference Minister,
Rev. Donald Schmidt, guest speaker

Saturday, November 22
Church of the Holy Cross Service Day

Sunday, November 23
Every Member Canvas – Celebration Sunday!
Special Thanksgiving worship service and refreshments following.

Tuesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.
Thanksgiving Celebration Interfaith Community in Action
at First Protestant Church (near hospital)

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