

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
November 30, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD
Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting	Reilly Narruhn
Pastoral Welcome	Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd
Prelude: “The Heralding” by Young	Kayleen Yuda

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

Lighting of Advent Candle	Kennedy Family
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***Call to Worship:**

One: People of God, come, for the light of hope beckons us together.

All: From our solitude, we are called into community;
From our brokenness, we are called into wholeness;
From our fading, we are called into fullness; and from our wind-swept wandering,
We are called to the path of new life.

One: People of God, come, for the light of hope beckons us together.

All: Let us take the hand of God and carry this light together. Come, let us worship.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

Holy Presence, we open our hearts today to the light and the darkening; to the wisdom and the wondering; to the now and the not yet, of your presence. Guide us into this new season, for we are people on a journey, often afraid of the unknown, often feeling alone in the wildernesses of our lives. We know that you are always with us. Show us the way into the wonderful darkness, and there, help us to discover you anew. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #122 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”**

***Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

One: Loving Creator, as we journey together into this new season, we confess we have succumbed to the many temptations of our world.

Puna: We imagine that external things matter more than an inner life of connection with you and others.

Hamakua: We are afraid of being left behind and left out.

Puna: We are surrounded by materialism, yet we are ever hungry for more.

Hamakua: We do not recognize the yearning of our spirits for connection with you.

One: Holy One, forgive us our transgressions and form us again, as the potter forms clay.

All: **Shape us into the people of love you have envisioned for your creation.
Amen.**

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

We are never apart from the grace and forgiveness of God. Be assured, people of God, that we are not lacking in anything. The light of Hope shines in our midst today, leading our way. May we follow this light into the darkness of God's mystery. We are forgiven and we are beloved. 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: Isaiah 64:1-9

Special Music: "Vocalise" by Sergie Rachmaninoff

J.P. Thoma & K. Wilson

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: The Third Coming

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #403 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Introduction to Offering

God is shaping us anew to be more aware of Jesus presence today. So we bring our gifts grateful for the hope God offers us.

Offertory: “Gesu Bambino” *by Yon*

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Holy Creator, today we dedicate ourselves anew. Even in doubt, we promise our faith. Even in our fear, we promise our courage. Even in our comfort, we promise our eternal commitment to seeking justice and peace on earth. Bless this worship and this offering. Amen

***Closing Hymn: #103 “Watcher, Tell Us of the Night”**

*** Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #496 “Ekolu Mea Nui” vs 1**

**Ekolu mea nui ma ka honua,
O kamana’oi’o, kamana’olana,
A me kealoha. Kealoha kai oi a’e,
Pomaika’i na mea a pau, pomaika’i na mea a pau**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: “O Blessed Emmanuel”**

Kayleen Yuda

By Bach-Thompson

Ushers: Ethel Yoshimasu, Eric Tanouye,
Jenny Kondo, Margaret Torigoe & Anne Sadayasu

Flowers: Sachie & Ruth Ohata

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez

Choir Director: Katherine Wilson

Choir Accompanist: LaRae K. Mortensen

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Dates to Remember and Reminders

Monday, December 1 at 5 pm
Interim Task Force meet at Pastor Mary’s home.
Bring a topping for tacos please.

Monday, December 1 at 6:30 pm
Bible Study Group meet at Pastor Mary's home.
Read Luke ch. 1
Bring a topping for tacos please.

Sunday, December 7
3 pm in Sanctuary
Hilo Community Chorus Concert
"Tapestry of Light"

This Week at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, Sunday at 8:30 am in Sanctuary and Tuesdays at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, BF Tuesdays, 3:30pm
- **Bible Study** Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Mary's home and Wednesday in the Lounge at 9:30 am
 - Read Luke Ch. 1
- **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 Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **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 on Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships in the BF today at 9 a.m.
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm on Sundays in Sanctuary.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm today.
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships today 4pm.

BF=Building of Faith