

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
November 2, 2014

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

Woody Kita

**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: God of righteousness - spread your wings  
Over the earth, enfold the suffering in clouds of mercy.  
Reach into the tragedies of this earth,  
Especially as the lava flows in Puna  
May our hands be yours, bringing relief.

**Many: Precious is your love, O God**  
**May we take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

One: Teach us, your people to be Your heart, your love abundant.  
Like a mountain of love reaching to the heavens  
A gift of the Holy Spirit given, that we may be  
A place of refuge in the dust, hope in darkness  
In your light may we see, may we be light.

**Many: Precious is your love, O God**  
**May we take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

One: Merciful God, be with us all, this day  
Call us by name, the name you give, love.  
A fountain of mercy pouring forth light  
You who lift us up, known before birth  
Naming, calling, holding, caring.

Many: Precious is your love, O God  
May we take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**\* Hymn of Praise: # 439 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

**\*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other’s growth. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor hostility. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

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

One fact remains that does not change:  
God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always.  
This is the good news that brings us new life.

**\*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: Matthew 22:36-40**

**Anthem: “Praise to God”**

*Na Leo Ni’o Lani*

Sakuda Melody, words by Nobuaki Hanaoka

**Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18**

**Sermon: “Loving Kindness”**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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

**Hymn: #459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Amy Shiroma

**Offertory:**

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**We give you thanks gracious God for your loving kindness. Your love renews us like a good night’s sleep or the trade winds flowing over us. We offer our gifts of money, our time, our service in your name that they might bring your blessings to others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

**Communion Hymn: #336**

**“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” vs. 1 - 4**

**Invitation**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup  
Sharing the Bread and the Cup  
Pastor Ichiro Annes, from Pohnpeian Church**

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response:**

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love;  
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:**

**Ushers:** Anne Sadayasu, Ethel Takamoto,  
Eric Tanouye,

Jenny Kondo & Margaret Torigoe

**Flowers:** Irene Okada

**Childcare:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Interim Minister:** Mary Olney-Loyd

**Moderator:** Sue Smith

**Minister Emeritus:** Susumu Yamane

**Office Manager:** Jodi Enriquez

**Interim Choir Director:** Katherine Wilson

**Choir Accompanist:** LaRae K. Mortensen

**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 Ch. 1 & 2 "Abundance"
- **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**