

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
November 9, 2014

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

**Words of Greeting**

JP Thoma

**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: As a community of faith, we gather to worship.

Each one is unique and different, but Christ is as our common ground.

**All: We gather to worship and be reminded of our connection to each other.**

One: Come; let us invest ourselves in this time of worship.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Praise (Responsive)**

One: Almighty God, you have created us as a people with different gifts.

**All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world.**

One: You have created us, a people, to live in community.

**All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world.**

One: You have created us, and called us to serve.

**All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world. Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise: # 556**

**“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

**\*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

**Sometimes, we abandon our hopes, our dreams, our plans – and then get angry when things don’t turn out as we had hoped.**

**Sometimes, we are greedy. Sometimes, we give up.**

**In all these times, and more besides, forgive us, O God.**

**Your grace saves, your compassion gives life, your justice restores. Amen.**

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

God has blessed each one with a unique way to contribute.

God offers grace, forgiveness, healing, freedom, talent, life, new life.

Let us embrace the life that God gives.

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**\*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 5:1-11**

**Anthem: “Here I am Lord”**

*Na Leo Ni’o Lani*

*Dan Schutte*

**Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30**

**Sermon: “Risky Business”**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

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

**Hymn: #448 “ Take My Life”**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Jayson Rekis

**Offertory:**

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**Generous God, you give us opportunities, time, patience, and care.**

**May we use the gifts from you to encourage others, share with others, and work with others, as we invest in your reign of justice, peace and love. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #495 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response: #146 “Nu oli!” (Refrain)**

Nu oli! nu oli! he nu kamaha’o!  
He nu no ke ola mai luna mai no,  
No kanaka nui, no kamali’i nei,  
A oi ka nani i ke gula a’ia’i.

Nu oli! nu oli! nu kamaha’o!  
Kamaha’o! kamaha’o! e!  
Nu oli! nu oli! He nu no ke ola, e hau’oli e!

Nu oli! nu oli! ua pili ia nu  
Ika po’e ilihune, ka poe lu’ulu’u,  
Ne’e mai a paulele, hahai ia Iesu,  
A pau no ka hune, a maha oukou.

Nu oli! nu oli! hau’oli ’oukou,  
Ka po’e akahai, a ha’aha’a ka na’au;  
Na Iesu e kala a ho’ohanau hou,  
A ka’i mai nei a’e i ka nani ma’o.

**\* Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** Ethel Yoshimasu,  
Eric Tanouye, Jenny Kondo,  
Millie Daikawa, Margaret Torigoe  
& Woody Kita (sub)

**Flowers:** Ken Tanouye, Stefan Tanouye

& Joel Santo  
**Childcare:** Stefan Tanouye  
**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**

#### **Tuesday, November 11**

Caregivers Gathering  
10 am – 12 pm  
Building of Faith

#### **Sunday, November 16**

Associate Conference Minister,  
Rev. Donald Schmidt, guest speaker  
Fellowship to follow in J's Café

#### **Thursday, November 20**

Senior Ministry  
10 am – 12 pm  
Free Luncheon in the Building of Faith  
Woody Kita will be speaking

#### **Thursday, November 20**

Women's Fellowship  
Building of Faith after Senior Ministry  
Budget for 2015 will be discussed and voted upon.

#### **Saturday, November 22**

Church of the Holy Cross Service Day  
We will be doing Carpet Cleaning and Pew Cleaning.  
Gather up Volunteers – Let's Pray for a Big Turnout

#### **Sunday, November 23**

Every Member Canvas – Celebration Sunday!

Special Thanksgiving worship service and refreshments following.  
Please bring your Pledge card.

**Tuesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Celebration Interfaith Community in Action  
at First Protestant Church (near hospital).

**Thursday, November 27**

Happy Thanksgiving

**The Church office will be closed on Thurs. & Friday**

**Saturday, November 29**

9 am in the Sanctuary

Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 30**

Board of Stewardship & Missions

After Service in Lounge

**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** every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastor's Study and Wednesday in the Lounge at 9:30 am; Read Ch. 3 & 4 "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 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 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