

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
December 14, 2014

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

<b>Words of Greeting</b>		Gloria Kobayashi
<b>Pastoral Welcome</b>		Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd
<b>Prelude:</b>	<b>“Noel Novelet”</b>	Kayleen Yuda
	<i>by French Carol Ark Wood</i>	

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

**\*Call to Worship: (unison)**

One: As we look to the great things that God has done for us, we remember.

**Many: The Spirit of the Divine Creator is in our very midst, restoring the fortunes of Zion, reclaiming our hearts and this season of Advent, that all may know joy.**

One: As we cry out in a wilderness of blaring ads, frantic sales, and celebration that can feel hollow once we get home, we remember.

**Many: There is a deeper joy that has no price tag, and a baby boy who seeks to heal the deeper hurt, the real brokenness within and among us.**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candles & Prayer of Praise** Reilly & Faith Narruhn  
& John, Johnalyn, Johanna & Ernest

**\* Hymn of Praise: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**\*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness (unison)**

**God of hope, peace, and joy, you come to us this season. We have hopes and fears, yet at times we forget to rely upon you. Instead, we try to do it on our own. Forgive us. Remind us to turn to your strength. Help us to rejoice always in your grace, as we give thanks for the new life we receive through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

Go, and take God's Good News to others:  
to those held captive by sin;

to those cradling broken hearts;  
to those grieving lost relationships.  
God forgives us all and makes us new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Installation of Officers**

**\*Congregational Response:**

**We celebrate the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to pray for you, honor your leadership, and assist you so together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

**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 61:1-4, 8-11

**Anthem: "O Come Emmanuel"**

*Na Leo Nio Lani*

*Arr. John Jacob Niles*

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Sermon:** Dare to Rejoice

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

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

**Hymn: #129 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

**Introduction to Offering**

In this season of hope, peace & joy we give gifts. The greatest gift is the Christ child as we ponder this great gift of God's love born among us. We offer our gifts. We will now receive the offering.

**Offertory: “In The Bleak Mid-Winter” by Innes**

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**O God, radiant light and our eternal joy, because of the gifts you have brought daily into our lives, we dedicate ourselves to giving as constantly as we receive. Bless these humble gifts, along with us, and all those who have served in ministries of peace and compassion. Grant that we may each be bearers of joy in this season, knowing the Emmanuel promise, that you are always drawing near. We pray in the name of Jesus, coming soon. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #146 “Nu Oli” verse 1 Hawaiian and English**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: #146 “Nu Oli” Refrain**

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**\*Postlude: “In Dulci Jubilo” by Back-Asper**

Kayleen Yuda

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**Ushers:** Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu,  
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**Choir Accompanist:** LaRae K. Mortensen

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

### **Dates to Remember and Reminders**

Sun, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

Council meets after worship

Sun, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Installation of Officers during service

2 pm Christmas Caroling  
Meet in mauka parking lot, soup and fellowship afterwards.  
Mr. Watanabe will be making his famous Portuguese Bean Soup

Monday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Meet at "Ponds" Restaurant

Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
In the Building of Faith

Sun, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>  
"Instant Pageant" during worship  
Children & Youth will portray the Christmas story.  
You are invited to participate

Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 25th  
**Merry Christmas**  
The Church office will be closed.

### **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 Building of Faith and Wednesday at the Parsonage at 9:30 am
- **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

**BF=Building of Faith**