

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
January 11, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

JP Thoma

Introduction of our Guest Pastor

Rev. Diane Weible

Prelude: “Toccata “ in A Minor

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather to worship together,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

All: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

*** Hymn of Praise: # 597 “Shall We Gather at the River” verses 1 – 4**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

O yes, God, you bring each of us along this journey of life. You show no favoritism. You accept people from every nation who trust in your power and do what is right. You have sent us the good news of peace in Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Jesus walked the earth in Galilee, was baptized by John, and received the Holy Spirit. He went among people doing good works, healing, and teaching. You, God, went with him every step of his life. We come to fill our desire to embrace your son Jesus and his teaching as the path for our lives. We also want to be a blessing to your Holy Name. Amen

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

Let Christ’s wisdom wash into our souls with thunderous courage and kindness. Ignite the spark of your Holy Spirit within us for the good. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

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 glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Anthem: "Down In The River To Pray"

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Mark 1: 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with¹ the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was

coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved with you I am well pleased."

Sermon: Remember Your Baptism

Rev. Diane Weible

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #351 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

Invitation to the Offering

As you stand before God today, You are called upon not to be detached spectators, but involved participants. You have a faithful job to do. We are to lift the burdens of suffering. Let the Holy Spirit of Christ descend into you soul. In the great adventure of life, we can give freely from what we have been given. This is the grace of Jesus. God grants us authority as brothers and sisters with Christ. Let us be our active best. Let us practice our faith every day. Amen

Offertory: "Variations on a Dutch Chorale" by Bull

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, You heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

We are people united in faithfulness and love before your Holy Cross. We place ourselves into God's service side-by-side with Jesus Christ. Here is our energy,.. Here is our desire,.. Here is our willingness to work in mission and ministry ... all is placed on the altar of God's holy mercy and strength. May God receive us, and send all that we hold: ourselves, our gifts, and our work into the world to give hope and encouragement to all people. Refreshed by the Lord's Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #292 Breathe on me Breath of God 1 - 4**

*** Benediction**

Rev. Diane Weible

*** Choral Benediction Response: # 283 Spirit of the Living God (sing 2 times)**

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude

Ushers: Theone Albano, Christian Albano,
Joyce Nakamoto & Michi Koizumi
Flowers: Kay Kawachika & Mary Ann Katayama
Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd
Moderator: Woody Kita
Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane
Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez
Choir Director: Katherine Wilson
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Dates to Remember this week

Tues, Jan. 13th
Caregivers Meeting
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Building of Faith

Sat, Jan. 17th
De-trim the Sanctuary
Volunteers Needed 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18th
Board of Trustees Meeting
In Lounge or J's Café
After Worship

This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, FG Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
- **Ballroom Dance** class will meet on Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets @ Lounge Thurs. 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