

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
January 25, 2015
Women in Leadership Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting	Carol Morioka
Pastoral Welcome	
Prelude: “Voluntary in C” by Stanley – Vaughn	Kayleen Yuda
(Adagio & Andante)	

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

***Call to Worship**

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: Who calls women and men, youth and seniors to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

All: Who chooses even you and me,

to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

God of all people,

is it possible that you, who spoke to Mary and Jesus
will speak to us? We may not be ready to believe it.

We may not be ready to receive you.

But we have gathered in your name and we pray: come, holy one.

Fill us with the story of your people; fill us with your loving Word.

Take us as we are, and make us wholly yours. In Jesus' name; Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise: #43 “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties,
God will meet us and renew us.

Before God and God's people, I confess that I have
been reluctant to speak out clearly,
naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision.

Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance
to receive our calling as God's people, made by God
and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.
Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service
and recharge me with your Word.

Renew us, God.

Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace.
We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

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

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Keiki Hymn: #327 "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

Time with Children

Gloria Kobayashi

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, forever. Amen.**

Scripture from the Old Testament: Psalm 103 p. 688 in NCH

R = lead by Kate Wilson; Psalm Reading = Unison

Special Music “Think About His Love”

International Young Adult Association & *Na Leo Li’o Lani*

Think about His love, think about His goodness
Think about His grace that’s brought us through
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our father’s love
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Great is the measure of our father’s love
How could I forget His love?
And how could I forget His mercies?
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires
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Scripture and Readings: I Corinthians 13:1-13

“Dare to Love” from *Bible Wonderings*

- written by Rev. Donald Schmidt

Reader 1: Barbara Iwami Reader 2: Lei Jack Reader 3: Perliza Perez

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: The Gift of Love

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Voluntary in C” *Stanley – Vaughn*
(Largo)

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

We give you thanks and praise for your generous love for us. We return this love to you, to those we meet and to the earth by the way we live our lives. Receive our gifts as a sign of our love for you. Use these gifts in this church to spread your love. Use our hands, our feet, and our voices to make your love known to others. Amen.

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

*** Benediction**

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

E-ko-lu mea nu-l ma ka ho-nu-a
O ka ma-na-‘o-i-o, ka ma-na-‘-o-la-na
A me ke-a-lo-ha, Ke-a-lo-ha kai oi a-‘e
Po-mai-ka’l na mea a-pau
Po-mai-ka’l na mea a-pau

Three important things in the world,
Faith, hope, and aloha,
Aloha is the best, and everything is blessed,
and everything is blessed.

***Extinguishing Altar Candles**

Postlude: “Allegro” *Walther – arr. Norris*

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Theone Albano, Christian Albano,
Joyce Nakamoto & Michi Koizumi

Flowers: Ethel Yoshimasu, Ichiko Hisanaga & Teddi Mukai

Childcare: Lois Jean Tanouye

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd
Moderator: Woody Kita
Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane
Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez
Choir Director: Katherine Wilson
Choir Accompanist: Mary Cockcroft
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, BF Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
- **Ballroom Dance** class will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in BF.
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets @ Lounge Thurs. at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café

Other Congregations who Worship Here Today

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships in the BF at 9 a.m.
- **Samoan Church** worships in the Sanctuary at 12pm.
- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** worships in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 3pm.
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary at 4pm.

BF=Building of Faith