

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

February 8, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Janet Fujioka

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: “Meditation” Wagner-Hampton

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather to sing praises to God.

All: We gather to sing of God’s mighty deeds and wondrous works.

One: God, who names the stars, and scatters the proud,

All: Who gathers the outcast,

One: heals the broken-hearted,

All: Covers the heavens with clouds,

One: Sends rain on the earth,

All: And takes the pleasure in those whose hope is in God’s steadfast love.

One: Come, let us come before God with awe, thanksgiving, and praise.

***Prayer of Praise (Responsive)**

One: God we gather this day to remember your great love for us.

All: Your love which is woven within us and in the fabric of all creation.

One: We cannot comprehend the magnitude of your love for this planet and for its people.

All: Yet, you know each one of us by name;

One: And call us to works of peace and justice.

All: Might we respond to your call, a call that leads us into works of justice, peace, and compassion. Amen

*** Hymn of Praise: #8 “Praise to the Living God”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

God, you ask, "Have you not known? Have you not heard?"

We try to understand, we think we hear, but there is so much noise in our world. We hear those who shout the loudest, whose sound-bites demand the most attention. Forgive us for not hearing the voices of the silenced, not seeing those who are made invisible. Sometimes, God, the pain and needs of our communities and our world overwhelm us. Remind us again that you are God and you are everlasting, even until the ends of the earth. Amen.

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

God knows our weariness, knows our blindness, and loves us still. We have the promise that if we waited for God our strength will be renewed. Depend upon it. Be renewed and set free.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn: #553 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"**

Time with Children

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]

(Please pray in the language of your choice)

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: Isaiah 40:21-31

Reflection: Remembering

Anthem: "City Called Heaven" *arr: Josephine Poelinitz Na Leo Li'o Lani*

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Reflection: Lifted Up

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #472 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Invitation to the Offering

We have received the Good News of God’s healing love through Jesus Christ. In gratitude we offer our gifts to Christ’s church. We will now receive our tithes and offerings.

Offertory: “Offertory in G” Hegarty

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

God, we are all in this together. May we keep that in mind as we return to you a portion of what you have given us. We pray that our offerings may be one means of moving your creation a little closer to peace, justice, and reconciliation. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #300 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction Response: #252 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

lesu no ke Kahuhipa, Kahuhipa ma’ika’i e,
Eia makou ka ‘ohana ke ho’olohe a hahai;
E aloha, e aloha, alaka’i a hanai mai,
E aloha, e aloha, alaka’i a hanai mai

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: “Gigue” Corelli-Hampton

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack
& Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Lily Inouye (Mem)

Childcare: Irene Okada

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

Dates to Remember

Tues., Feb. 10th

Care Givers Meeting
Building of Faith
10 am to 12 pm

Tues., Tues. Feb 10th

3 p.m. in Sanctuary
UCC Justice & Witness Team
Session 1:
Affordable Care Act
("Obamacare")

Sat., Feb. 14th

Happy Valentines Day

Sun., Feb. 15th

Board of Trustees Meeting
In the Lounge after Worship

Sun., Feb. 22nd

Annual Meeting
Right after Worship

Sun., Feb. 22nd

Board of Deacons Meeting
In J's Cafe after Annual Meeting

This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary & 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lounge.
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, Tuesday at 3:30 p.m in the BF
- **IYAA Bible Study** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. All are invited to join. This week a discussion of the Gospel of Mark ch. 4.
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets Thurs. at 9am in the Lounge. .

Other Congregations who Worship Here Today

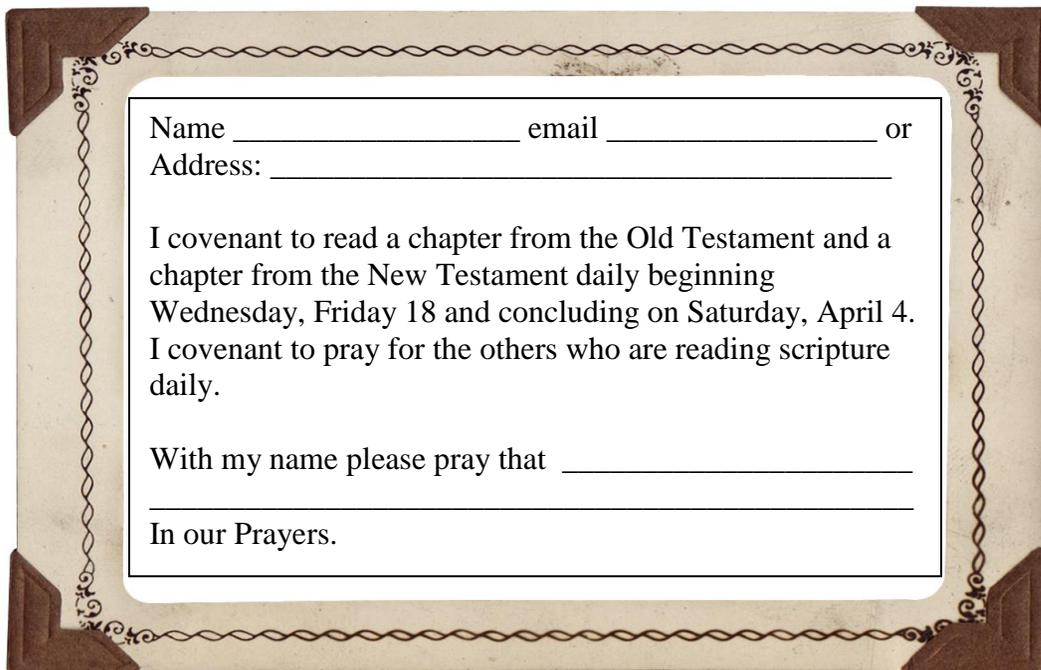
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships in the BF at 9 a.m.
- **The Samoan Church** worships in the Sanctuary at 12pm.

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** worships in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **The Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm.
- **The First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary at 4pm.
- **The Big Island Muslim Community**, worships in the BF Mtg Room from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

BF=Building of Faith

LENTEN COVENANT

This year, instead of giving up something I suggest taking on a spiritual discipline: daily scripture reading and prayer. I invite you to read a chapter from an Old Testament book and a chapter from a New Testament book each day. We will pray for one another and Church of the Holy Cross, UCC. You will receive a list of other persons in the covenant and their requests about how to pray for them. If you miss a day do NOT read twice as much the next day, to guard against discouragement. Forgive yourself for missing a day and begin again. If you need more suggestions talk with me about your questions. Keep the top portion and submit the bottom. ! **Mary**



Name _____ email _____ or
Address: _____

I covenant to read a chapter from the Old Testament and a chapter from the New Testament daily beginning Wednesday, Friday 18 and concluding on Saturday, April 4.
I covenant to pray for the others who are reading scripture daily.

With my name please pray that _____

In our Prayers.