

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

February 22, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Margaret Torigoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: “Brother James’ Air” *Bain-Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Call to Worship**

One: People of God, gather around. In this sacred space, in this sacred moment, leave your daily concerns aside.

All: Here we recall the stories of faith;

One: Here we see the extraordinary in the ordinary;

All: Here we hear good news; here we remember whose we are.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

We too have left our homes and journeyed to this place; a place where we can proclaim our faith, acknowledge your call, celebrate the ministry of the Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ, recognize our history, and take time to consider it all. Here we come to be assured of our purpose and our participation in the fulfillment of your very good adventure. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: #391 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

One: Sisters and Brothers, in our daily lives we need the gift of the season of Lent. These 40 days can help us restore right relationships with God and with others. This is a fine time to focus, clear our hearts and minds of distractions, and re-orient and restore our whole selves. May God be with us. Let us pray.

All: Creating and renewing God. In this Lenten season I need the opportunity to clear my eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help me get my mind off my distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that I don't feel helpless. Help me to start over. Re-orient my head and heart so that I may fill my whole self with life-affirming activities and thoughts. May I be in right relationship with you and all your creation and join the United Church of Christ in over-coming violence, hunger, and injustice. May I find courage and clarity to assist me in works of justice and compassion which make daily life bearable for many. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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

Brothers and Sisters, God hears our prayers and promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope. Amen.

***Glori Patri**

WE SHARE IN THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

The 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, forever. Amen.

Special Music: International Young Adult Association

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Reflections: Jesus in the Wilderness

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-27

Reflections: The Body of Christ

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: #311 "Renew Your Church" 1, 2 & 4**

***Renew your church, its ministries restore:
both to serve and adore.
Make us again as salt throughout the land,
and as light from a stand.
'Mid somber shadows of the night,
where greed and hatred spread their blight,
O send us forth with power endued.
Help us, God, be renewed.***

***Teach us your works, reveal its truth divine;
on our path let it shine.
Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace;
from each page show your face.
As you have sent your Christ to save,
in love to triumph o'er the grave,
O let our hearts with love be stirred.
Help us, God, know your word.***

***Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,
each and all and humankind!
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate;
leave us not to our fate.
As you have loved and given your life
to end hostility and strife,
Your grace we must be mindful of:
Teach us, God, how to love.***

Invitation to the Offering

Our church's ministries are extensions of God's love and faithfulness made possible through the generous giving of our time, energy, and money. With love let us offer our gifts to God.

Offertory: "Gloria Tibi Trinitas" Tallis Kayleen Yuda

***Doxology: #70 or #781**

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and our gifts to be bounty and blessings to you, our church, and the world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #386 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

Vs 1, 2, & 4

*The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
We are Christ’s new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
With precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
one name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.*

*Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #319 “Sing Them Over Again to Me” vs 1**
(Wonderful Words of Life)

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; Words of life and beauty teach
me faith and duty.*

Refrain:

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.*

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: “Trumpet Air” Purcell-Smith

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack
& Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Hats Kamimura

Childcare: Lei Jack

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

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 am Sunday in the Sanctuary & 4:30 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- **Bible Study** on Feb. 23rd & 25th. Please read Mark Ch.1-7 Monday evening 6:30 pm in Pastor's Study and Wednesday 9:30 am meet in the Pastor's Study (near makai parking lot.)
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 pm in the Building of Faith
- **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. 5
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Lounge
- **Qigong** meets every Friday at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith
- **The Big Island Muslim Community**, worships every Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

Other Congregations who Worship Here Today

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships in the Building of Faith meeting room at 9:00 a.m.
- **The Samoan Church** worships in the Sanctuary at 12pm.
- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** worships in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **The Chuukese Church** worships in Building of Faith meeting room at 1:00 pm.
- **The First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.