

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

March 1, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Jayson Rekis

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: “Pastorale” Eldridge

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Call to Worship**

One: We are on a journey of faith.

All: We travel with Jesus Christ as our guide.

One: The promises of God shine like a star before us and give us strength for the journey;

All: But still, in the wilderness, we become impatient and rebellious, and lose our way.

One: We gather, seeking to be fed by the manna of God’s Word, to rediscover the paths of righteousness.

All: O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: #18 “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so we may follow in your ways. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Believe the Good News : In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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, forever. Amen.

Scripture Exodus 16:2-21

Special Music: “Sarabande” *by Bach*

JP Thoma (solo)

Scripture: Mark 6:32-44

Sermon: No Ordinary Picnic

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #336 “Here, O My Lord, I See You”

Invitation to the Offering

As we offer our gifts may we offer ourselves – our hearts, our hands, our feet in service to Jesus of Nazareth, the one who shows us the way to live a life in God. We will receive this morning offering.

Offertory: “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken” *by Calkins/Bourgeois*
Kayleen Yuda

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

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

We bring our gifts; we offer our lives. We also bring the bread and the cup – the common food you transform to nourish our faith. We dedicate these gifts and our lives to your service O God. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Rev. Ichiro Annes

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

***Communion Hymn: #321 "Break Now the Bread of Life"**

As you sing, please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary. Gluten free crackers are available.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks and praise that you fed many long ago and you nourish our spirits with this bread and cup. Strengthen our faith. As we leave this place we may share bread with those who are hungry and Good News of Jesus of Nazareth with those who long for it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #454 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" vs 1-4**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #81 "God Be with You" vs 1 and refrain**

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: "Postludium" by Moore

Kayleen Yuda

We welcome Rev. Ichiro Annes and United Church of Christ-Pohnpei today in worship. Rev. Annes will assist with the Lord's Supper. They worship on our campus.

Ushers: IYAA & Jayson Rekis
Flowers: Miyo Tanita (Memorial)
Childcare: Moira Tanaka
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

Monday, March 2nd
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Sanctuary
Bravo Test Remembrance

Worship event planned by Marshallese pastors remembering anniversary of test of hydrogen bomb on Bikini atoll in Marshall Islands. Worship & learning event followed by refreshments in J's Café.

Tuesday, March 3rd
10:30 am in Lounge
Those who are visiting shut-ins & who are interested in doing this gather to learn and share.

Tuesday, March 3rd
Christian Education Board
5:15 pm in J's Café

Friday, March 13th
Interfaith Communities in Action
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Honpa Hongwangi Hilo Betsuin
Located at 398 Kilauea Avenue

Sunday, March 15th
One Great Hour of Sharing
Please bring your special offering

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday

Celebrate with a parade of palms and
hear the story of the final days of Jesus' life.

This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, will not be held this week.
- **Bible Study** on March 4th. No Monday class, please come to Bravo Test Remembrance in the Sanctuary. Please read Mark Ch.1-7 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
- **Ballroom Dance class**, meets every Wednesday at 7:00 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. 6
- **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.