

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

February 15, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: “Voluntary IV” arr: Croft

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Call to Worship**

One: Go up to a high mountain, to the thin place where you can meet God.

All: May we open our senses to discover God is near.

One: Look over the landscape, look with discerning eyes.

All: We see the world struggling, and hear its despair.

One: Listen for the Word – present and pressing,

All: Challenging injustice, urging compassion, calling for peace.

One: Find your place with saints and prophets and Jesus himself,

All: Whose lives give inspiration, whose words encourage and guide.

One: Move through this time of worship – meeting, looking, listening, preparing.

All: God, send your Spirit to be with us and show us how to live.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

God of light and glory, May we recognize your glory around us – a sense of the sacred found in the everyday: In the stories of faith we tell, in the lives of the people we meet, in the *words* we use to speak. May your majesty and mystery always be within our seeing, close enough for our hearing, and present in our living. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: #55 “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”**

***Prayer for Confession (Unison)**

Holy One, before your splendor and glory we fall silent, aware of our human frailty and sin. Who are we to speak your word of love, or spread your word of forgiveness. Only touch us with your healing fire, and humbly we will respond to your call, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

God's mercy issue; if we turn to God in humility, offering our hearts and lives to God, we are received with open arms and a blessing. Friends of Christ, turn to God and live. Amen.

***Glori Patri**

WE SHARE IN THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: "I've Got My Ticket" *arr: Lon Berry* Na Leo Ni'olani

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.

Scripture: Psalm 50:1-6

Special Music – Kosrae – Hilo Church, Pastor Nixon Jack

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: Going Up & Coming Down

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

***Hymn: #507 "Jesus – The Very Thought to Me"**

Invitation to the Offering

Because we know God's nearness and are grateful we offer our tithes and offerings to Christ's service and this church.

Offertory: "Adoration" Arr. Brahms/Bampton

Kayleen Yuda

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

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Responding to your blessing on us, O God, and our love for you, we bring these offerings of our resources, our best efforts, and ourselves. May we prove faithful to you and to those faithful ones who have come before us. And may our lives also shine brightly in the world as evidence of our hope. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #451 "Be Now My Vision"**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #146 Nu Oli (refrain)**

Nu oli! Nu oli! Nu kamaha'o!

Kamaha'o! kamaha'o! Nu oli! Nu oli!

He nu no ke ola, e hau'oli e!

Glad tidings, glad tidings! O wonderful

Wonderful, wonderful love! Glad tidings, glad tidings!

We hail the glad tidings of wonderful love

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: "The Trumpet of Faith" Arr. Wetherill Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack
& Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Else Ushijima (Mem)

Childcare: Jeanne Hernandez

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 Shioshita
Dates to Remember

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 am Sunday in the Sanctuary & 4:30 pm in the Lounge on Tuesday.
- **Bible Study** on Feb. 16 & 18th. Please read Mark Ch. 1-4. Monday evening 6:30 pm in Pastor's Study and Wednesday 9:30 am meet in the Lounge (near mauka 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.