

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

March 15, 2015

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together**

**Words of Greeting**

**Jane Kawazoe**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd**

**Prelude: “The Cross of Christ” *Arr. Martens***

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that God has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Welcome to this sacred place where, indeed, all are welcome.

**All: It is here, in this safe space, we receive one another just as we are, just as God receives us.**

One: Wherever you are along life’s journey; whatever your name; however you feel – come one and all. Come, and experience the abundance of God’s love for you, providing for your every need.

**All: Come, and experience the invitation to give back to our God who has given us life itself.**

One: Come, and be empowered by the Good News of Christ so that we can share that abundant love with others.

**All: Come, so that our abundance meets the great needs of our world, and the needs of our sisters and brothers become part of our abundance. Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

**God of all creation, We gather together, surrounded by the loving care of a community of faith. Remind us to invite all those who are without safety, support, and acceptance to this sacred space. Challenge us to include those in need, whether here in our own community or on the other side of the globe, as part of our faith family. Call upon us, in all of our abundance, to share what we have so that others may receive what they need to live in abundant life Christ offered us all. Dare us to share, and to do so faithfully, joyfully, and with conviction. O God of all abundance, hear our prayer. Amen.**

**\* Hymn of Praise: #565 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of sea and sky, sun and rain, God of the African, the American, the Syrian, and the Honduran, God of the rich and the poor -- and all in between, we hear that Christ came that we all have life abundant. You offer this freedom to us. Yet, we may forget. We may not always share. Forgive us, God, for our reluctance to share. Forgive us our lack of trust in you. Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge our abundance, which comes from you. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

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

Beloved of God, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away! Everything has become new! Hear this Good News given us by the unconditional, extraordinary love of Christ: We are forgiven. Amen.

**\*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.**

**Anthem: "Amazing Grace" by John Coates, Jr.      Na Leo Li'o Lani**

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthian 8:1-15

**Sermon:**    We Have Love To Give Away

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People** (be seated)

**\*Hymn: #562 "Take My Gifts"**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Because God loves us abundantly our hearts are full. Because we are able, we share our gifts. Because others are in need we share our gifts. Let us share our offerings this morning.

**Offertory: "Father We Praise Thee" Arr. Price**

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

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

**Creator of all that has been, is, and will be, You are the God who sustains us. Thank you for creating us in your own image, and calling us good. Thank you for the ability to give. May these gifts, which we return to you, transform hunger into nutritious food; illiteracy into education; thirst into clean water; disease into healing; despair into hope. Receive these gifts and bless them so they may transform lives and proved hope. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #77 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: #327 “Jesus Loves Me”**

**He aloha ko Iesu  
I ke keiki li’ili’i no,  
Nona no ka po’e li’ili’i  
Nona wau ke poki’i nei  
Keiki aloha!  
Keiki aloha!  
Keiki aloha!  
Kealoha! O Iesu!**

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude: “Be Thou Exalted” *Arr. Nordman***

**Kayleen Yuda**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Christian women, who is quiet and considerate, is looking for a room to rent in Hilo. Pamela Morgen is moving to Hilo March 8<sup>th</sup>. If interested, call her at (781) 219-7403.

**Church of the Holy Cross Office  
Will be CLOSED on March 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**

**Ushers: IYAA & Jayson Rekis**

**Flowers: Carolyn Lum-Bellem**

**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  
**Childcare:** Lei Jack

### **Dates to Remember**

**Sunday, March 22<sup>th</sup>**

J's Mini Mart  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

“Parade of the Palms”

Dramatic reading of final days of Jesus' life

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Service of Holy Communion in the evening. This quiet, reflective, service commemorates when Jesus shared the bread and cup with his disciples at the Passover. The choir will sing. Other congregations who worship on our campus will worship with us.

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am**

**Easter Egg Coloring**

Parents, please dress children in “junk” clothes for egg coloring.

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Worship & Egg Hunt**

Festive worship celebrating Christ's Resurrection.

Special Refreshments to follow.

Each participant will need to bring their own basket to collect eggs.

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Aloha to Pastor Mary & Gary**

Refreshments to follow in the Building of Faith

### **This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross**

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sun. in the Sanctuary & 4:30 pm on Tues. in the Lounge
- **Bible Study** on March 16<sup>th</sup> & March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please read Mark through Ch. 11. 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 Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the BF
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the BF
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets every Thurs. at 9am in the Lounge
- **IYAA** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge.
- **Qigong** meets every Friday at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith.
- **Muslim Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café

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### **Other Congregations that Worship here Today**

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

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