

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
World Earth Day
Bread for the World Sunday
April 19, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Bob Smith

Pastoral Welcome Introduction of Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

Woody Kita

Prelude: “Morning has Broken” *by Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

***Responsive Prayer for Those Who Hunger**

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray for those who are hungry.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray for those who are full.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray for those whose voices are strong.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray for those whose voices have been silenced

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray for all those who gather on this day, in this place, and across the globe,
hungry and full, speaking and silent. Amen

***Prayer of Praise**

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of God's Light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner, and heralds in the start of a new dawn, where hearts no longer fear, and souls might be set free. Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Alleluia!

***Hymn #164 “Arise, Your Light Is Come” verses 1 - 4**

Prayer of Confession

God of all, too often we stick to our small but safe comfort zones. Guide us into the places you are working in the world: with those in need, with those who are hurting. Lead us to the places in life where we are needed. Too often we align with society's clocks and calendars that keep us busy; we create for ourselves, schedules set by society's priorities instead of yours. Help us return to your time, where the hour to choose discipleship is always now. God of all, too often we give in to the values of the marketplace, as if debts and credits were adequate calculation of human worth. Too often we see only differences when we look at the faces around us, fearful of recognizing those in need, those living with lack. Welcome us into relationship with all of your beloved children, each of whom reveals your holy image. Draw us back to your values, that we may share freely and love generously, in the spirit of One who shared with us beyond measure. Amen

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

The God of all has mercy for all! Embrace your freedom to grow in trust and faith in the One who loved you first.

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 Acts 3: 12 – 16

Anthem: Go into the World by Natalie Sleeth

Na Leo Li'o Lani

Scripture: Luke 24-35, 42

Sermon: "Jesus ate in their presence"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn: #503 “Savior, Let Me Walk with You” verses 1 - 4

Invitation to the Offering:

In the spirit of Christ, we are one. Around the world and across the ages, we are one. Through sharing our lives, prayers, and resources, we are one with all of God’s beloved children.

Offertory: “Duet” by Handel

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, bless these gifts that we return to you, and bless the hearts that give. Unite our hearts with those hearts that will be strengthened, helped, and healed through these gifts. May these gifts be used faithfully and purposefully, furthering your reign of compassion and justice around the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #253 “Yours is the Glory” verses 1 – 3

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response: #300 “Jesus Shall Reign” v 1

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: “Victory Through Faith” by Smith

Kayleen Yuda

*** Special Announcement ***

We welcome Rev. Yeow, our new interim minister.

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Millie Daikawa,
Esther Kodani, & Karl Kawahara

Flowers: Alice Fujimoto & Roberta Chu

Interim Minister: Chew Lak Yeow

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: Jennifer Tanouye

Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 19th

Bread for the World Annual Bake Sale

Please plan to bake or cook something for the sale and also purchase the many delicious prepared goods.

Thursday, April 23rd

Senior Ministry

10:00 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

Saturday, April 25th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Hawaii Island Association - UCC 'Aha Moku

Imiola Congregational Church (65-1084 Mamalahoa Highway)

Agenda includes worship, elections, reports from churches and more.

Sunday, April 26th

"Chuuk Disaster Relief"

We will take up a voluntary collection on Sunday, April 26th.
Please keep the people in the Pacific area affected by the typhoon in your prayers.

Thursday, April 30th

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Marriott Waikoloa Beach Resort

Hawai'i Conference 2015

E Malama 'Ola "Caring for Life"

"Sustaining Communities, Families, and
Individuals through Life Promoting Actions"

Questions? Contact Larry Walter, Conference Chairman
www.safeinhawaii.gmail.com

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
- **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 Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. (Gospel of Mark)

- **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
 - **Dr. Shawon Rahman, Leader**
 - **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.
 - **Rev. Stiven Pousima**
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships 9am in the BF.
 - **Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.
 - **Rev. Take Sunia**
- **Chuukese Church** worships 3pm in BF meeting room.
 - **Rev. Saburo Robert**
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
 - **Rev. Brandy Karben**

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