

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
Fourth Sunday of Easter
“Chuuk Disaster Relief”
April 26, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Mary Ann Katayama

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: “Toccata” in A minor by Sweelinck

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together.

People: In the presence of the Most High:

Leader: To face our ideals,

People: To remember and cherish our loved ones in absence!

Leader : To give thanks, to make confession, to offer forgiveness,

People: To be enlightened and to be strengthened!

Leader: Through this quiet time breathes the worship of ages,

People: The heritage of generations past but remembered!

Leader: Three unseen guests attend,

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: faith, hope, and charity!

Leader: Let all our hearts prepare them a place of honor!

People: Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time

**with one accord to make our common supplications
to You; and You have promised through Your Son,
Jesus Christ, that when two or three are gathered
together in His Name, You will respond to their
requests: fulfill now, O Lord, our needs and humble
petitions as may be most helpful for us. Grant us in
this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the
world to come life everlasting. A-men.**

Hymn: #252 ‘Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us’

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

**Merciful God, as we enter the Third Sunday of Easter and gather at Your house of
prayer, turn our hearts again to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that
united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not**

made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with You and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever and ever. We pray in the name of Christ Whose we are and Whom we so gladly serve! A-men

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness:

In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen attentively, give thanks always, and live joyfully!

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

in different languages involving three generations

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 the glory, forever and ever. A-men.

Scripture: 1 John 3: 18 - 23

Anthem/Special Music

International Youth Adult Association

Scripture: John 10: 11 - 18

Sermon: We are Christian by our love: Let us love in truth and action!

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn: #546 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'

Invitation to the Offering:

Let us recall the words of St Paul: So then, my sisters and brothers, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to God's service and pleasing to God. This is the true worship that we should offer!

Offertory: "Air" by Prucell

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

Prayer of Dedication: [unison]

We know that the God of justice is concerned about all people in all places, and so we send these gifts into the world today, not just to serve our own, but also to serve all those in need. Be pleased, O God, to use both the gifts and givers in the service of Your Holy Gospel. This morning, we do want specially to remember relatives and friends as well as those we do not know personally and who do not know us as they cope with the aftermath of a giant typhoon in the Pacific area. Let us love, not only in word but also in truth and action. A-men.

***Closing Hymn: #584 'I Am the Light of the World'**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #551 'Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior' v. 1**

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: "A Trumpet Gavotte" by Tambling

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu,
Esther Kodani & Karl Kawahara

Flowers: Millie Daikawa

Interim Minister: Choo Lak Yeow

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez

Choir Director: Katherine Wilson

Choir Accompanist: Mary Cockcroft

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Clarice Suzuki

Dates to Remember

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.com

Thursday, May 7th Stuart & Charity Mori's Birthday Celebration Building of Faith at 4 p.m. Please come and celebrate this special day!

This Week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study**, Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 9:30 am in Pastors Study
- **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. Mark chapter ____
- **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

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**

BF=Building of Faith