

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion  
May 03, 2015

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Stuart Mori**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Pastor Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “Sarabande” *By Grieg-Troutman***

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Holy One, who made heaven and earth.

**People:** **Christ, our paschal lamb, has been offered for us. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival.**

**Leader:** God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

**People:** **God has brought the people of the covenant from the land of bondage into freedom!**

**ALL:** **Let us then worship God in spirit and in truth for God seeks such to worship God!**

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Leader:** 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. May Jesus’ promise, ‘Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them,’ be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High! Amen

**\* Hymn of Praise: #250 ‘Listen to Your Savior Call’ vs. 1 – 4**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfilment, and the freedom to serve you.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

Leader: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri**

### **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **Time with Children**

Senior version of *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

#### **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 the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Special Music/Anthem:** Walls Mark Our Bound'ries *by Jim Strathdee*

**Na Leo Ni'o Lani**

**Scripture:** Psalm 22: 25 – 28 and 30 – 31

Acts 8: 26 - 31

**Sermon:** Remember the Philip in your life

**Pastor Choo Lak Yeow**

### **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Pastor Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: # 254** 'These Things Did Thomas Count vs. 1 – 4

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us in abundance.

**Offertory: "Chanson Triste" By Spickles**

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

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

God of earth and wind, sun and water, you fashion life in the simplest of ways with the simplest of elements. So teach us to listen for life's stirrings in the most basic of places. In this process, be pleased to use both the gift and giver in advancing your mission here on earth. Gracious God, we thank you for having granted us our petition. Therefore, as long as we live we shall be lent to you to be used by you as you please. Amen.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invocation: Be present at Your Table, Lord!  
Be here and everywhere adored!  
These mercies bless and grant that we  
May feast in paradise with Thee! Amen  
[To the tune of The Old 100<sup>th</sup> as in Doxology]**

**Invitation**

**Institution**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**\*Communion Hymn: #336 'Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face' vs. 1 – 3**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Hymn: #336 'Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face' vs. 4 & 5**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: #485 'O Love That Will Not Let Me Go' verse 4**

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude: "The Soldier of the Lord" By Hughes Kayleen Yuda**

**Ushers:**

Woody, Jean & Erin Kita,

Mary Ann Katayama & Saeko Hayashi

**Flowers:** Malia Mattos

**Interim Minister:** Rev. 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

**Dates to Remember**

**Tomorrow May 4**

Articles for the Messenger due.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**The Messenger**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Stuart and Charity Mori invite all**

to a first Birthday Party for Yoshiro at 4 PM in the Building of Faith  
Please come and help celebrate

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Care Partners Support Group**

Building of Faith 10:00 AM to 12 Noon

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**SERVICE DAY**

Gather family and friends and help beautify our campus

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Strengthen the Church**

Offering will be received

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Day Holiday**

**Church of Holy Cross Office Closed**

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**The Blood Bank of Hawaii**

**In the Building of Faith, 9 am – 5 pm**

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

- **Choir Practice**, Sundays 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary & Tuesdays 4:30 PM in the Lounge
- **Bible Study**, Mondays 6:30 PM and Wednesdays 9:30 AM in Pastors Study
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesdays 7:30 PM in the Lounge. This week Mark chapter 8
  
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, Tuesdays 3:30 PM in the Building of Faith
- **Ballroom Dance** class Wednesdays 6:30 PM in the Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** Thursdays 9:00 AM in the Lounge
- **Qigong** Fridays 9:00 AM in the Building of Faith
- **Bell Choir** - Saturdays at 1:00 AM in J's Cafe