

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
SIXTH Sunday of Easter
“Mother’s Day”
May 10, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: “Austrian Hymn” *By Newton*

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: On this Mother’s Day, we thank God for Mom and we thank God the church is our Mom.

People: We thank God for loving, nurturing, and empowering us to give of our best to our Lord.

Leader: We thank God Mom has taught us that when we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

People: We live as God asks us to live.

Leader: In her wisdom, Mom has taught us that when we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

People: We are the blessing God hopes we will be.

Leader: In her patience, Mom has taught us that when we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,

People: We reflect the One who is in our midst.

***Prayer of Praise (unison)**

God of blazing light, through the power of the Cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. This morning we pause specially to thank You for our Mom who walks beside us when we need her presence, who walks behind us lest we fall, and who walks before us to lead us closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn: ‘O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing’**

#42 v. 1-4

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Mother’s Day Gift: Children ABC Mom, and Dads DEF Mom

Lord’s Prayer [using ‘debts’ and debtors,’ – in unison]

Our Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. The 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.

Anthem: Down to the River to Pray

Na Leo Ni’o Lani

Scripture: Acts: 10: 44 – 48

Scripture: 1 John 3: 18 – 23

Scripture: John 10: 11 - 18
John 15: 12 - 17

Sermon: Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: ‘O God, Whose Steadfast Love’ #426 v. 1-4

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" By Lemmel-Doras Kayleen Yuda

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

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn: 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You' #503 v. 1-4**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response:**

Lead, me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell
In safety.

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: "Festive Postlude" By Rogers**

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Woody, Jean & Erin Kita,
Mary Ann Katayama & Saeko Hayashi

Flowers: Jill Suzuki & Theone Albano

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: Woody Kita

Dates to Remember

Today, May 10th

Christian Ed Meeting after worship

Tuesday, May 12th

Care Partners Support Group

Building of Faith at 10:00 am to 12 noon

East Hawaii Clergy Meeting

Pastor's Study at 11:30 am to 1 pm

Sunday, May 17th

**Christian Ed Graduation during worship
& Board of Trustees Meeting after worship**

Saturday, May 23rd @ 9:00 am

SERVICE DAY

Come and help beautify our campus

Sunday, May 24th

Board of Deacons meeting

After Worship

Monday, May 25th

MEMORIAL DAY –

Church Office Closed

Monday, May 25th

Blood Bank of Hawaii

Blood Drive

Building of Faith

Sunday, May 31st

Christian Ed – Teacher Appreciation - During worship

After worship - Board of Stewardship & Missions Meeting

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
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark chapter 8
- **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
- **Qigong** meets every Friday at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith.
- **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 mtg room.
 - **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**
- **Muslim Group** meets at 1 pm in the BF mtg room.

BF=Building of Faith