

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Memorial Day

May 24, 2015

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Margaret Torigoe**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “Allegretto” *By Handel***

**Kayleen Yuda**

\*All who are able please stand. Unison reading in bold text.

#### **\*Call to Worship**

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

**People: In the presence of the Most High, on Pentecost, we surely witness the mighty acts of God.**

Leader: That big Galilean is speaking, but it's not his voice I hear. He speaks with my mother's voice! A voice that's warm, that sounds like it's echoing out of the kitchen as she prepares my favorite meal. Peter is speaking to me in my mother's voice!

**People: That man is speaking, but he's not speaking. I hear my baby's voice calling out in gurgling expressions that are not words but are clear and full of meaning. I know by instinct what each sound means, and I need to respond. It's a voice that somehow I know deep down in my heart and my soul.**

Leader: That man is speaking in my secret voice, the one that only I know, that silent voice that I hold deep inside me. The voice that processes my thoughts and holds my memories and creates stories and poems that stay with me even when I am asleep. Peter is speaking to me in my father's voice!

**People: I have never heard it aloud before. It has always existed without speech. How can this be that someone can know and verbalize aloud what I only ever hold deep down in my heart?**

**ALL: What does it mean that you speak to me in my native tongue? God, you speak to each one of us in such intimacy, with such knowledge, we can be uncertain in how we respond.**

Peter is speaking to me in my father's, mother's, and my baby's voice!

**Open our ears to hear Your voice, then, O Lord, be pleased to open our hearts and minds to search deeply and clearly, so we may grapple and come to understand what Pentecost truly means for us *today* and *in this place*. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #272 'On Pentecost They Gathered' v. 1-4**

Please be seated.

**Prayer of Confession [Unison]**

**Today's prayer of confession is an exercise in listening, but there are few spoken words. In our busy lives and noisy Hilo and even a more noisy world beyond Hilo, we rarely get the opportunity to sit in silence to contemplate. God speaks to me, but I have not listened attentively. What is stopping me from hearing God's word? Our prayer then is, 'God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone!' A-men.**

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

**People: Peace be with you, too!**

Please rise if you are able.

**\*Gloria Patri**

Please be seated

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

Time with Children

*Eng-kai* allowance: Grandparents, parents, then **children!**

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle.

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

**Our Mother, 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.**

After the Lord's Prayer, please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbor on your left and right, after which, please be seated for the Ministry in Music.

**Anthem: Santo Espiritu (Holy Spirit)**

**Na Leo Ni'o Lani**

**Scripture: Acts 2: 1 – 12**

**Romans 8: 22 – 27**

**Sermon: Heart-warming experiences!**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: #281 'Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove' v. 1-3**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**Offertory: "Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre" *By Handel***

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication: [unison]**

**Accept, O Lord, these offerings which Your people make to You, and kindly grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper and ripple in and beyond Hilo under Your blessed guidance and benevolent blessing, to the glory of Your great name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. We also dedicate this hour of worship to You. May You be high and lifted up during this hour of worship. This is our ardent prayer, O gracious God. A-men.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #381 'Faith of the Martyrs' v. 1-4**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: #81 'God Be with You' v. 1**

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**\*Postlude: "Allegro Maestoso" *By Handel***

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Ushers:** Woody, Jean & Erin Kita,  
Mary Ann Katayama & Saeko Hayashi  
**Flowers:** Lily Inouye (Memorial)  
**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:** Gail Wung

**Dates to Remember**

**~Today, May 24<sup>th</sup>~**

**Board of Deacons meeting**

After Worship

**~Today, May 24<sup>th</sup>~**

**Strengthen the Church of the Holy Cross**

Offerings will be received

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

**MEMORIAL DAY –**

**Church Office Closed**

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

**Blood Bank of Hawaii**

**Blood Drive**

Building of Faith

**~Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>~**

**Senior Ministry**

10 - 12 noon in the Building of Faith

Our speaker will be Debbie Nakaji from Services for Seniors.

Her presentation will cover services offered thru the agency and how to access the services. Sign up on the 'SENIOR' bulletin board or call the church office (935-1283) if you're able to attend.

**~Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>~**

**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**