

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting
Pastoral Welcome
Prelude:

Ruth Niino-DuPonte
Rev. Choo Lak Yeow
Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Loving God, teach us to see with your eyes of compassion and wisdom, so that we may understand your will for our world. Help us to discover and hear those who may have been overlooked or ignored, and let us heed each other's voices as we seek your peace and justice in our lives.

People: **God provides Israel the way to the future through a child shepherd. God, in contrast to human understanding, sees into the hearts of people and calls forth their potential.**

Leader: Jesus also sees deeply, assuring that God's realm grows from mustard-seed beginnings. As we live in faith, we are invited to look upon the world and ourselves with a God's-eye view.

All: **As people of faith, we are often called upon to trust in things that are beyond ordinary means of seeing. While this often means trusting in a God who moves in invisible and mysterious ways, we are also invited to look beyond appearances and see the potential that God sees in all of us. What are some things God has helped you see in your life? As people of God, we come to worship this day, willing to look through the heart, ready to encounter God in new ways, available to new revelations of faith, prepared to set aside preconceptions, open to mystery and wonder.**

***Hymn #67 'Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling' verses 1, 2, and 6**

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Come Spirit, abide with us today; be our guide and wise counsel, be our advocate and our companion, be our reassurance. You lead us along new pathways and into new places.

You reveal your nature and the nature of God to us. Save us from our preconceptions and hold us in your care. God does not look at outward appearances, God looks into the heart. In Christ there is no limit to grace, we are offered renewal and restitution in Christ's name.

A-men.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children Connections! Connections! Connections! Past and present

***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.

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: Here I am, Lord *Dan Schutte*

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Psalm 20

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 11

Sermon: Some boast of chariots, and of horses

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn: #543 'Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life, verses 1, 2, & 3

Invitation to the Offering:

These are the gifts I ask of Thee, Spirit serene: Strength for the daily task, courage to face the road, good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load, and, for the hours of rest that come between, an inward joy in all things heard and seen. Henry van Dyke

Offertory:

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**As we give these gifts we pray that they may impact the world in diverse and daring ways. Enable us to leave this place with our perception tuned and aligned with the heart of God and our desire to serve God's world with diligence strengthened and renewed.
A-men.**

***Closing Hymn: #543 'Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life' v 4, 5, and 6**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #77 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing' v 1**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: Kayleen Yuda**

Ushers: Stefan, Jennifer, Ken & Lois Tanouye

Flowers: Rick & Pat Tanimoto

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: Jean Kita

Dates to Remember

Today, June 14^h

Family Thank Offering Received

Sunday, June 14th

Council Meeting 8 am

Sunday, June 21st

Trustees Meeting

Sunday, June 28th

“Emergency Preparedness Buckets”

We will be packing the buckets in case of a disaster.

Sign-up sheets are available so that we know what you will be generously donating to this project.

Sunday, June 28th

J’s Mini Mart

Before Worship

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