

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Anne Sadayasu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God lavishes us with the rich blessings of peace. God gathers us into mystery and makes it known to us. God gathers us up with all things in heaven and on earth and makes us God's own people.

People: Loving God, you gather us up as your redeemed people, your children. We are bound together by your Spirit, that we might be a living reflection of your glory and grace. Open our hearts this day to strengthen our resolve to accept the challenges that come with this call.

Leader: Bring us clarity of mind so we might better know and understand your intent for us within your good creation.

People: Bring us clarity of spirit so we might better grasp the truth of your plan for our spiritual formation.

All: God of all creation, by your word and deeds you gather us into your family, as you gather all that is to yourself. But with arrogance, lack of insight, perhaps even hardness of heart, we place ourselves above all other things, we disregard our connectedness with all that is, and overlook the symbiosis that weaves all of creation together. We fail to see that we are family; along with the mountains and seas, the forests and rivers, the wild geese and the swallows. We forget that we are only one part of the totality of things. So we come simply and humbly and ask that once again you extend your mercy to us. Amen.

***Hymn #577 'God the Omnipotent,' verses 1 - 4**

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

You gather us into your loving embrace. We do wrong and act without consideration, but we do not have to live with brokenness, nor do we need to bear the pain of great acts of contrition, and spend our lives on bended knees. To be forgiven we need only to ask for forgiveness. As God extends blessing throughout all the earth and into the heavens, so God extends grace to us all and forgives us our wrong-doing. Be thankful and rejoice! A-men.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children It is no secret: one man's meat, another man's poison
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Psalm 24:1

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

***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

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Psalm 24: 1 – 10

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 3 – 13

Moment of Meditation: Elvis Presley on *It is no secret*

Sermon: It is no secret

Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #293 'Sweet, Sweet Spirit,' verses 1 and 2

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory

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

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

We acknowledge that we have wealth because of the richness of the earth, may this sharing of our wealth be a way of expressing our gratitude and giving back. They who give to me teach how to give! It is no secret that to give is better than to receive. A-men.

***Closing Hymn:** #It Is No Secret]

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response:** #489 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say,' verse 6

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude:

Ushers: James Yoshiyama, Connie Yoshiyama,
Carolyn Lum-Bellem & Carol Morioka

Flowers: Reiko Masutomi

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: James Yoshiyama

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, July 12th

COUNCIL MEETING

After worship

Saturday, July 18th

SERVICE DAY

Please gather family and friends and help beautify our campus

Sunday, July 19th

TRUSTEES MEETING

After worship

Sunday, July 19th

REFRESHMENTS

Building of Faith after Worship

Irene Okada, Jane Kawazoe & Gloria Kobayashi

Wednesday, July 22nd

MESSENGER

Please submit articles by July 17th

Sunday, July 26th

DEACONS MEETING

J's CAFÉ

Before worship

REFRESHMENTS

Jane Kawazoe, Irene Okada and Gloria Kobayashi

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
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every evening from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm for Ramadan in the Building of Faith from June 15, 2015 to July 17, 2015.

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