

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 19, 2015

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Karl Kawahara**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, come close, you who have been far away, draw near.

**People: Christ has broken down the barriers that separate us from God and eradicated all conflicts that separated us from each other.**

**All: Come close, together we will build a house based on reconciliation and love. People of God, 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 open our hearts to mystery and wonder that is ours when we are reconciled to each other. God of all, you have brought us so near to you that we can claim to live with you in your household. We open our hearts to your peace, we open our consciousness to your call to be your people reconciled and no longer strangers to one another.**

**\*Hymn #565 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

**\*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Merciful God, through Christ walls that divide are broken. Forgive us for times when we have failed to live as a faithful community. May we in unity support our life together, and may we know the depths of your love and grace. Today we come**

confessing our path preference, how we get stuck in the way things have always been. We acknowledge that we set ourselves on a path entrenched in social conventions, from which it is difficult to break away. When you call us to change, we become distressed and resistant to what is new. We can be bitter and annoyed when people break down entrenched but obsolete systems, and we refuse to reconcile ourselves to a different view. At these times, forgive us God of grace. Amene.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

Time with Children **Stop and look!**

‘Stop and look, before you cross the street.  
Look left, look right, before you take the leap.  
Look left, look right, and to the left again!  
It will save you from accident and pain!’

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

**\*Lord’s Prayer** (using “debts” and “debtors”) [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: “Ave Maria”** by *Bach-Gounod*

**Katherine Wilson on piano  
Jean-Pierre Thoma on flute**

**Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11 – 22**

**Scripture: Mark 6: 30 – 34**

**Sermon: Reconciliation! Reconciliation! Reconciliation! Rev. Yeow**

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

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn:** #539 'Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant'

**Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory

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

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

**Humbly do we lay our gifts before you, O God, who have given unto us the priceless Gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. May these offerings be accompanied by the consecration and connection of our wills and by the increased desire to see your Kingdom come and to see ourselves reconciled to each other. Help us always to know that not what we get but what we give measures our devotion to you and our right to receive additional gifts from you. Amene.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** #77 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing,' vs 1 & 2

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response:** #77 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing,' verse 3.

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**\*Postlude:**

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

**Flowers:** Margaret Torigoe

**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:** Kay Kawachika

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Today, Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

### **TRUSTEES MEETING**

After worship

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

### **REFRESHMENTS**

Building of Faith after Worship

Irene Okada, Jane Kawazoe & Gloria Kobayashi

Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **MESSENGER**

Please submit articles by July 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **SENIOR MINISTRY**

Building of Faith

10:00 am to 12 Noon

Pastor Choo Lak will speak about Christianity in countries he has been.

Come and enjoy the presentation, the good company and the ono grinds!!

Please sign on the Senior Ministry bulletin or call the church office if you're able to attend.

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

### **J's CAFÉ**

Before worship

### **DEACONS MEETING**

After 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

- **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**

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