

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 2015

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Jean Pierre Thoma**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”** *By: Jordan* **Kayleen Yuda**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the place and this is the ground in which the Body of Christ grows.

**People: The church is the place where people find their good points. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: You who are the teachers, come and grow. You who are the prophets, come and grow. You who are prophets, come and grow.

**People: You who are evangelists, come and grow. You who are pastors, come and grow.**

Leader: You who are undecided, come and grow. You who are wary, come and grow. You who are fledgling, come and grow. You who are confident, come and grow.

**People: Come and grow in the knowledge, experience, and love of God.**

**All: Be with us, God of grace and glory, as we open ourselves up to experiencing more of faith and more of life. We long to grow in humility and patience, to grow in our understanding of how the Body of Christ is knitted together, and more fully understand how we can build each other up as your community, our Church of the Holy Cross. May your spirit be our guiding light. Amene.**

**\*Hymn: #275 ‘Come Now, Almighty God’**

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

**O merciful and gracious God, be pleased to direct our prayer and mind as we specifically remember two events this week.**

**Acts 6 records that Stephen was among those chosen to be the first deacons in the church in Jerusalem. Their job was to take care of the widows of the church, but Acts 6: 8 states, *Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.* Stephen's actions and words caused him to be arrested and he gave a speech that angered the leaders so much that Stephen was dragged out of the city and stoned to death.**

**Lord, we thank you that for centuries, *Good King Wenceslas* is in fact a St. Stephen's Day hymn. *Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen* .Direct our thought and prayer from St Stephen to the August 6 Anniversary of the Bombing of Hiroshima, an event that reveals the terrifying power humans have amassed, the extent to which humans have gone to use that power, and the critical discernment required by those in power who are asked to exercise authority like this. Amene.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Time with Children One good turn deserves another! Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

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: "Weave One Heart" by Marty Haugen**

**Na Leo Ni'o Lani**

**Scripture: Psalm 51: 1 – 12**

**Scripture: Ephesians 4: 1 – 7**

**Moment of Meditation: *Good King Wenceslas* – You Tube**

**Sermon: Have mercy on me, O God**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: #345 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence' verses 1 & 2**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work and mission of Christ's church.

**Offertory: "Duet" By: Handel**

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

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

**All that we have is yours, O Lord. In recognition of your goodness to us we have set apart this portion. May it be used to extend your Kingdom throughout the world. Amene.**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Rev Choo Lak Yeow**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup**

**Rev Take Sunia**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

**Rev Take Sunia**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following Communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

**\*Closing Hymn: #345 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence' v 3**

**\*Benediction**

**Rev Take Sunia**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: #345 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence' v 4**

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**\*Postlude: "Festal Fanfare" By: Nixon**

**Ushers:** Kay Kawachika, Newton Chu,  
Cindy Debus & Jane Kawazoe

**Flowers:** Roberta Chu & Alice Fujimoto

**Interim Minister:** Rev. 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:** Roberta Chu

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday, August 4th**

Rhythm & Life resumes  
3:00 pm in the Building of Faith

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School Resumes

**Sunday, August 9th**

Council Meeting  
After worship

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Care Partners Support Group Meeting  
10 am to Noon in the Building of Faith

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrating the Life of Sumi Tachibana  
Visitation from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Service beginning at 6:00 pm

**Sunday, August 16th**

Annual Old Fashioned Hilo Style Picnic  
Building of Faith after worship

**Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sumi Tachibana  
Private Family Committal grave site Service at Veterans' Cemetery

**Sunday, August 23rd**

J's Mini Mart  
Before worship

**Sunday, August 23rd**

Deacons Meeting  
After worship

**Wednesday, August 26th**

Trustees Meeting  
5:00 pm in the Lounge

**Wednesday, August 26th**

Choir Practice (in Sanctuary)  
8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, August 30th**

Board of Stewardship & Missions 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
- **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 Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

**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**