

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Newton Chu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: “Menuet in D” *By: Stanley-Thiman*

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the house of God, the home of all. All who are buffeted and embattled by the storms of life, come and seek refuge here. All who are weakened by hardship and pain, come seek your comfort here.

People: **All who are puzzled and perplexed by our complex world, come find your clarity and simplicity here.**

Leader: All who are weary and eroded of strength, come find your rest and respite here.

People: **All who struggle to find connection and care, come find your caring community here. All who are overconfident, brash, and boisterous, come and find your stillness here.**

All: **All who are uncertain and find it hard to believe, come find your extravagant welcome here. Come, here we will learn how to live in faith and truth. O Come, let us worship God.**

***Hymn: #42 ‘O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing’ vs 1 - 4**

***Prayer of Invocation[Unison]**

God of grace, we come to worship today so that we might be held in community. We come to be cared for in our sorrow, we come to share our joy, we come seeking strength and renewal. We come because we long to be in relationship with you. We come blessed because we know your generosity is not contained only to ourselves. Your arms open

wide and gather all that is into your home. Even the sparrow finds a nest and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young here. [Psalm 84: 3] So with thankful hearts, we join the saints of our church past, present, and future in singing your praise and worshipping you. *Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of the heavenly hosts, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore saying 'Holy, Holy, Holy, God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high!' Amene.*

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children “Mary Jones and Bible Societies”

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: “O My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy”

Na Leo Ni’o Lani

Arr. Giovanni Pergolesi

Scripture: Psalm 84: 1 – 12

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

Sermon: “My soul yearns, even faints for the Lord”

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #289 ‘Come Forth, O Love Divine’ verses 1-3

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory: “Chanson” *By: Galliard-Hegarty*

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

If Jesus Christ is a man –
And only a man – I say
That of all mankind I cleave to Him
And only to Him will I cleave always.

If Jesus Christ is a god –
And the only God, -
I swear I will follow Him through heaven and hell,
The earth, the sea, and the air! [Richard Watson Gilder]
Use, O Lord, both the gifts and givers to your Glory. Amene.

***Closing Hymn: #319 ‘Sing Them Over Again to Me,’ verses 1 & 2**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #319 ‘Sing Them Over Again to Me,’ verse 3**

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: “A Joyous Acclamation” *By: Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

~ Notice ~

**Old Fashioned picnic photos are posted on the Bulletin board in the breeze way. Thank you
Eileen Shiraishi**

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

Flowers: Herbert Watanabe

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: Eileen Shiraishi

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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 10
- **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., 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 Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa**
- **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