

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Reilly Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: “Pavane” *By Warlock-Thiman*

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, what do we see?

People: We see God moving amongst us.

Leader: So, what do we perceive?

People: We perceive God’s will to honor the weak orphans and stand with the poor widows.

Leader: So what shall we do?

People: We will do justice and restore the excluded back into our community. We shall be the bringers of peace. We will honor and praise our generous God.

Leader: What do we hear?

People: We hear the Good News of redemption for all.

All: We experience the salvation of all. We claim it in the name of the Christ who has gathered us into the family of God.

***Hymn: #470 ‘Golden Breaks the Dawn,’ verses 1 & 2**

***Prayer of Invocation[Unison]**

Gracious and generous God, you give us life, and hold out the hand of righteousness to us. You stand with us in our distress, and rejoice with us in our joy. We humbly accept that your will is that we be blessed with justice and peace in our lives, and take seriously our call to extend this blessing to all of the earth, especially the widows and orphans in our planet earth. Help us to reach out to the homeless in our midst. Everyone of the homeless is a parent, a child, a brother or sister, aunty or uncle. Therefore, teach us to care and share. With grateful hearts we pray and give thanks. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children Bible in English

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Jesus loves me this I know in English, Chukeese, and Japanese

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.

Anthem

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: James 1: 19 – 27

Sermon: Orphans and widows in our days

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #391 'In the Midst of New Dimensions,' verses 1 & 2

Invitation to the Offering:

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
himself, his hungry neighbor, and Me.
[James Russel Lowell]

Offertory: "Recitative for Flute" By Paxton Kayleen Yuda & J. P. Thoma

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

Ho`o nani ka Makua mau, Ke Keiki me ka Uhane no
Ke Akua mau, ho`o mai ka`i pu
Ko ke ia ao, ko ke ia ao. Amene.

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

A hungry [man] widow is at my door, What shall I do?
My fire is warm, my loaf is sweet,
And I have you,
Sufficient for my needs . . . but, oh,
The wind is cold.

A hungry [man] orphan is at my door
And he is [old] cold;
And he is weary, waiting to be fed.
I cannot dine
Until I break in three this loaf
I thought was mine.
I cannot rest beside my fire
Unless I share
Its warmth with him, and find a cloak
That he can wear.
This done – and he upon his way
Along the street –
I find a warmer fire – my loaf
Grown doubly sweet. Amene.
[Grace Neil Crowell]

***Closing Hymn: #391 'In the Midst of New Dimensions,' verses 3 & 4.**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #391 'In the Midst of New Dimensions,' verse 5.**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: "Fanfare & March" *By Purell

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Carol Morioka

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: Anne Sadayasu

Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, September 1st
Board of Christian Ed
5:00 pm in J's Café**

**Sunday, September 6th
Communion**

**Monday, September 7th
Labor Day
Church office will be closed**

**Sunday, September 13th
Council Meeting
After worship**

**Saturday, September 19th
Service Day**

**Sunday, September 20th
Trustees Meeting
After worship**

**Thursday, September 24th
Senior Ministry
10:00 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith**

**Saturday, September 26th
Walk to End Alzheimer's
Liliuokalani Park & Garden
Registration at 7 am
Walk begins at 8 am**

**Sunday, September 27th
J's Café
Before worship**

**Sunday September 27th
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 ___
- **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; 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