

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Stefan Tanouye

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: “St. Anne” *By: Craft-Langston*

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We live in a culture that makes many competing demands on our time and life, yet we have more leisure time available to us than generations past did.

People: In a culture where we are so very busy, a call to make the most of our time can be an incredible challenge.

Leader: Many of us are stretched thin with oft-conflicting responsibilities, pressures, and needs.

People: Our call to worship today wants to remind us that God calls us to be mindful of the ways in which we spend our time, talents, and treasury whether in leisure or in worship.

All: Time is a precious gift and resource to be managed wisely. Our Church of the Holy Cross wants to help people create space in their lives to focus on simpler living, practice thanksgiving and other forms of prayers, and take time to discern God’s will. Our call to worship today tells us the church is a place where we find our good points.

As time goes by, God, you call your people from all walks of life to enter into the labors of others.

You call us from all ages and races, cultures and creeds to serve you in various capacities.

You call us in the spring of our life when we are still wet behind the ears with many years to serve you.

You call us in the summer of our life when we are robust and resilient.

You call us in the autumn of our life when we are mellow and are the real McCoy.

You follow us to the winter of our life when we vintage and are in full valence. That being so, let us then worship God. Amene.

***Hymn #412 'God Moves in a Mysterious Way,' verses 1, 2, 5, & 6.**

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

We live in a world of conflict and war where people work for peace. We live in a world full of disaster where there is great beauty. We live in a world of self-obsession where people are generous and kind. We live in a world of sadness where there is much to rejoice about.

We live in a world of illness and pain where people provide healing and care. We live in a world of restriction and regulations where freedom is celebrated. We live in a world full of noise where serenity is most significant. We live in a physical world that is full of mental wonder and spiritual miracles.

We live in God's world. We are blessed. Come, then, let us worship God. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children Serving God

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.

Anthem: "The Water is Wide" *by Ed Lojeski*

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Isaiah 6: 1 – 6

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:16

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:8

Sermon: The **Harvest Is Plentiful**, the Laborers Few Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #299 'For All the Saints,' verses 1, 2, & 3.

Invitation to the Offering:

"God is not above, or beneath us, or even just 'within' us. *God is* [always the eternal] *ahead*. Christian existence is defined by hope, and the church is the community of **God's tomorrow, eternally discontent with today.**" [Harvey Cox]

God is not only recognizable in the past and the present. It is significant to recognize that God is also in our future. That's why it is wise to

*Lay up treasure in Heaven,
Life will pass away;
Lay up treasure in abundant measure,
For the great accounting day;
Lay up treasure in Heaven,
Though men count thee poor,
Thou shalt reign with the sons of God
For evermore. Amene.*

Offertory: "Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre" *By: Handel-Russell*

Kayleen Yuda

***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 keia ao, ko kela ao. Amene.

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

We recognize and rejoice for the wisdom of the people who gather these gifts for distribution and the furtherance of Kingdom values on our planet earth. We pray that both the gifts and givers be used in ways that bring hope to those in desperation, comfort to those who grieve, and compassion to those in dire need. Amene.

***Closing Hymn: #299 'For All the Saints' verses 4 & 5.**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #96 'Sun of My soul, O Savior Dear' verse 4**

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: "Allegro Moderato from Water Music" *By: Handel-Russell*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Barbara Iwami (Mem) & Dr/M Bill Chen (Mem)

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: Millie Daikawa

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, Sunday, August 16th
Annual Old Fashioned Hilo Style Picnic
Building of Faith after worship

Monday, August 17th
Sumi Tachibana
9:00 am at Veterans' Cemetery
Private Family Committal grave site Service

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

Thursday, August 27th
Senior Ministry
10 am to 12 pm noon in the Building of Faith

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; Assistant to the 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