

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
September 06, 2015

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Ruth Niino-DuPonte**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “In This Holy Hour”** *By H. Livingston Jr.*

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: On this Planet Earth Sunday, all who are righteous, shout joyfully to God!

**People: Sing a new song to our Creator!**

Leader: God loves righteousness and justice.

**People: Sing a new song to our Creator!**

Leader: When God speaks, things happen. At the sound of God’s voice, creation came into being.

**People: Sing a new song to our Creator!**

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn: #277 ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’** verses 1 - 4

**\*Prayer of Invocation** [unison]

**Creator God, your presence is real throughout all your Creation. In every corner of the universe your mark can be found. Help us to find you, to experience you, to celebrate you, and to honor you in all the places where we find ourselves. This we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Please be seated

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

The Bible Tells Me So

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: "I am the Bread of Life"**

***Na Leo Ni'o Lani***

**Scripture: Proverbs 22: 8 – 9 and 22 – 23**

**Scripture: Mark 7: 24 – 30**

**Sermon: 'Do Not Rob The Poor'**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: #492 'I Would Be True,'** verses 1 and 3

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Loving God, we give you thanks for this amazing world, this awesome creation of which we are a part. Everything is in wonderful balance, and each thing depends on others around it. The dark of night allows us to rest and grow, and the light of day invites us to work, play, and give freely as we have so freely been given.

**Offertory:"Trois Mouvements" By Jehan Alain**

**Kayleen Yuda & JP Thoma**

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

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

**We give you these gifts, Gracious God, trusting that you will use them to proclaim your Word throughout our world. We give them knowing that, whatever we share, it can help to shine your light in defiance of all the destruction and evil that surround us. We seek to help your light shine, knowing that nothing can ever extinguish it. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

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.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Closing Hymn: #503 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You,' verse 1**

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response: #503 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You,' verse 4**

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude: "Festal Fanfare" *By J. Nixon***

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Ushers:** IYAA & Jayson Rekis

**Flowers:** Katada & Tadaki Families (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:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Eric Tanouye

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Communion**

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day  
Church office will be closed**

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Care Partners Support Group Meeting  
10 am to 12 noon  
Building of Faith**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Hilo's Early Signs Health Fair  
9 am to 2 pm  
Life Care Center**

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Council Meeting  
After worship**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Service Day  
CANCELLED  
Rescheduled for October 3rd**

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Trustees Meeting  
After worship**

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

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

**VACATION Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**  
**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**J's Café**

**Before worship**

**Sunday, September 27**

**Sunday Worship**

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Take Sunia**

**Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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 Ch. 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 BF
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 pm, the BF 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 10am 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**