

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Humanity Sunday  
September 13, 2015

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Roberta Chu**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Take Sunia**

**Prelude: “Toccatà in E Minor” By Pachelbel**

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Gracious God, on this Humanity Sunday we come as friends from every corner of our planet earth, celebrating our common humanity.

**People: We come to worship the one who created us and all living things.**

Leader: Just imagine, we bear the face of God to all living parts of creation. That’s awesome.

**People: We come to celebrate our place in the vast scheme of creation. Our God, Maker of the universe, cares about each and everyone one of us. We bring our hearts and voices to sing praises to God.**

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

**\*Hymn: #31 ‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’ verses 1 - 3**

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

**We gather here this morning in the presence of our Creator and one another, to pause from our day to day living. We come to take some time in our busy lives to renew our faith, to reconnect with God, and to know ourselves loved by God unconditionally. As this message is reaffirmed in our hearts take us from this place to proclaim that message to all we meet. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Time with Children Who is Jesus?**

**Rev. Take Sunia**

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 be 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 of Music.

**Anthem: "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray"**

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

**Scripture: Psalm 19: 1 – 6, 14**

**Scripture: Mark 8: 27 – 33**

**Sermon: The knowledge of who Christ is - for us - is the beginning of wisdom**

**Rev. Take Sunia**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Take Sunia**

**Hymn: #300 'Jesus Shall Reign' verses 1, 2, & 3**

**Invitation to the Offering: (Layreader)**

These are the gifts I ask of Thee, Spirit serene: Strength for the daily task, courage to face the road, good cheer to help me bear the traveler's load, and, for the hours of rest that come between, an inward joy in all things heard and seen. *Henry van Dyke*

**Offertory: "Gloria Tibi Trinitas" By Tallis**

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Doxology**

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

**Take all we offer you, O God: our gifts, our hands, our hearts, our time, our talents, and our treasury. Use them to help make our world a better place to live in, to share**

**your love and laughter in gloomy places, to share your abundance in places of hunger, and to share your joy around the world. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #300 'Jesus Shall Reign' verses 4 & 5**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: #489 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say,' verse 6**

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**\*Postlude: "Jig Fuque" *By Buxtehude***

**Kayleen Yuda**

**Ushers: IYAA & Jayson Rekis**

**Flowers: Karl Kawahara (Mem) & Moira Tanaka**

**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: Eileen Shiraishi**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Council Meeting**

**After worship**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Service Day**

**CANCELLED (Rescheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**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 Mini Mart**  
**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. 11
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesdays at 3:30 pm in the BF
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm 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 1 pm in J's Café
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 pm 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 pm, Wednesday at 7 pm
  - **Rev. Stiven Pousima; Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa**
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships 10 am in the BF.
  - **Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12 pm in Sanctuary.
  - **Rev. Take Sunia**
- **Chuukese Church** worships 3 pm 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**