

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2015  
Mountain Sunday

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Lei Cruz**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Moderator Elwood Kita**

**Prelude:**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: On this Mountain Sunday, come, let us go up to God's mountain. 'Behold, the mountain of the Lord In latter days shall rise On mountaintops, above the hills, And draw the wond'ring eyes.

**People:** To this shall joyful nations come; All tribes and tongues shall flow. "Up to the hill of God," they'll say, "And to his house we'll go."

Leader: It is a place of joy for the whole world! God's mountain is a place of safety and security.

**People: It is a place of joy for the whole world. On God's mountain we renew our strength, ready to serve God another day.**

Leader: Come, let us go up to God's mountain.

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

**\*Hymn: #466 'Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes, verses 1 - 4**

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

**Creator God, you have promised to create a new heaven and a new earth. You have promised to forget the past and to offer us a new and bright tomorrow. May we embrace it – both the blessing and the challenge. May we find ourselves empowered to proclaim your glory and truth to all creation. On this Mountain Sunday, enable us to hard-wire ourselves with the mountains and the valleys, the streams and meadows, and especially with our neighbors in need. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Time with Children** A sharing with children

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, Amen.**

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.

**Special Music: "Polonaise No. 5 in F Minor, Op 44" By Chopin**

**Kanako Okita**

**Anthem:**

**International Young Adult Association (IYAA)**

**Scripture: James 3: 1 – 12**

**Sermon:**

**Rev Take Sunia**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev Take Sunia**

**Hymn: #531 'God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak,'** verses 1 – 4

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Life springs forth from God's mountain: life filled with enough for all, with justice and fairness, with hope and peace, and overflowing love. Will we do our part to sustain God's mountain? Will we do what we can to make God's will a little more real in our world? Let us present our offering.

Offertory:

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

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

**We come to your mountain, loving God, bringing our gifts. We offer ourselves as servants of all your creation – voices to challenge injustice and destruction, hands to**

hold one another up, feet to walk and stand with any who feel they have no hope. Let us hear once again the Kingdom's Speech from the mountain of the Lord. Use us, and our gifts, to advance your Kingdom's Speech here on earth. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: #575 'O for a World,' verses 1 - 4

\*Benediction

Rev Take Sunia

\*Choral Benediction Response: #575 'O for a World,' verse 5

\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

\*Postlude:

**Ushers:** IYAA

**Flowers:** Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye,  
Kyle Nakayama 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:** Merle Okabe

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**ON LEAVE**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**J's Mini Mart**

**Before worship**

**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 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 10am in the BF.
  - **Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Samoa 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**