

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: “Prelude” *By: Purcell*

Molina Rekis

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus calls us all to follow.

People: We come today as followers of Jesus.

Leader: Leave behind all you have!

People: We come today as followers of Jesus eager to learn.

Leader: The road is not always easy, but Jesus will never abandon us.

All: We come today as followers of Jesus knowing that Jesus will not send us where his presence cannot reach us easily. Come, then, let us worship God knowing God will not send us where God’s power cannot adequately protect us!

Hymn: #562 ‘Take My Gifts,’ verses 1 – 3.

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

God of today and tomorrow, help us to be prepared each day to serve you with a true heart, and to do acts of justice and loving kindness in a hurting world. There are times when we feel lost, alone, distanced from God. When we stand for justice, to speak out for what is right, it seems people only laugh at us. In such moments, you speak to us through *Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* [Hebrews 4:16] So, whatever may be going on in our life, we can boldly turn to God, who offers grace and mercy over and over and over again. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children October 16 is World Food Day

Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

A Special Moment of Sharing: Board of Deacons

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: As the Father loves me, so have I loved you" *By: Ralph C. Schultz* **Na Leo Ni'o Lani**

Scripture: Job 23: 1 – 9

Scripture: Mark 10: 17 – 22

Sermon: A Tough Decision by any standard

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

A Special Moment of Sharing: Board of Trustees

Hymn: #493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" verses 1 - 3

Invitation to the Offering:

One way to interpret today's gospel is to hear Jesus saying to us, *If you want to invest in God invest in those who have need.* Gracious God, we offer our gifts, our time, our talent, our treasury, our voice, our hands, that your mission may be done. Let us then present our offering and ourselves.

Offertory: "Adagio Cantabile" By: Rinck

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

God, we recognize how crazy it is to imagine that we can hang on to more and more and more, and yet somehow find ourselves in your presence. Receive these gifts, we pray, and challenge us to find new and renewing ways to give, so your mission may be done. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: #517 "I Need You Every Hour" v. 1 -3**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #517 "I Need You Every Hour" v. 4**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: "Voluntary"** *By: Bingham*

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Ben Masutomi Rei Masutomi, Sets Takimoto,
Dorothy Matsui & Tammy Nagami

Flowers: M/M Mark Sakumoto (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:

NOTICE

Put on your best smile! Herb Watanabe will be taking photos for a new edition of the church directory after church service today and for the next few Sundays. A list of names is at the back of the sanctuary. If you're okay with your photo from the current directory, you do not need to pose again.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, October 11th
Board of Christian Ed Meeting
After worship

Sunday, October 11th
Board of Trustees Meeting
After worship

Sunday, October 18th
Congregational Meeting
After worship

Saturday, October 24th
Imiola Church
Aha Mele Ho`ike in Remembrance of Napua Ayala
Begins at 9 am lunch is at 12 pm

Sunday, October 25th
J's Mini Mart
Before Worship

Sunday, October 25th
Deacons Meeting
After Worship

Sunday, November 1st
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Candle Lighting Service begins at 10:00 am
Pot-luck luncheon at 11:30 am
There will also be entertainment

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. Sunday in the Sanctuary & 4:30 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark Ch. 11
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday 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 Thursday 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**
- **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**