CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: Larghetto (Sonata II) By: Handel

Barbara Iwami Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Kayleen Yuda & JP Thoma

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside and cried out:

People: Jesus, oh, Jesus, have mercy on me.

Leader: Others sit by life's roadside today, each one crying out:

People: Jesus, oh, Jesus, have mercy on me.

Leader: Even though voices try to silence us, still we cry:

People: Jesus, oh, Jesus, have mercy on us.

ALL: When Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus, the crowd tried to silence him. But Bartimaeus cried all the louder, and Jesus heard him. Jesus listened to him, and offered him a new life. Know that, however silent or however loud, when we cry out to God – in praise, in confession, in anger, in wonder – God hears us. And God responds to us. And God loves us unconditionally. Let us then come and worship God!

Hymn: #42 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing,' verses 1-4.

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Wondrous God, we know that many cry out for *mercy*, for *healing*, and for *support*. We also know too well that there are many voices in our world that seek to shut them up, to tell them not to bother, that they have no rights, that they are a nuisance, and that they should just fade away. Open our hearts, loving God, that we might notice those that are pushed aside. Guide us to reach out to them and draw them into your loving arms. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children Great Service [2]

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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 and the children leave for Sunday school.

Anthem: International Young Adult Association (IYAA)

Scripture: Psalm 34: 1 – 8 Scripture: Mark 10: 46 – 52

Sermon: Honoring the past, celebrating the present, and cleaving the future [2] Let me receive my sight

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #466 'Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes, verses 1 & 2

Invitation to the Offering:

Our God is always giving. Let us reach deep within our hearts and find ways that we can give, too. Let us present our offering.

Offertory: "Andante (Sonata II) By: Handel Kayleen Yuda & JP Thoma

***Doxology:** #780 or #781 (In Hawaiian)

Ho`onani i ka makua mau (Praise God from whom all blessings flow); Ke keiki me ka`uhane no (Praise Him, all creatures here below) Ke Akua mau ho`omaika`i pu (Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts) Ko kela ao, ko kela ao 'Amene (Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost) (Amen)

*Prayer of Dedication: [in unison]

Mahalo nui loa, God, we know that you hear us. Gracious God, we know that in your love you answer us. You call people to freedom, to justice, to new life, and to new sight. Take these gifts we offer. Use them and use us to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to bring recovering of sight to the blind, to incubate new life, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #466 'Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes, verses 3 & 4

*Postlude: Presto (Sonata II) By Handel Kayleen Yuda & JP Thoma

Ushers: Ben Masutomi Rei Masutomi, Sets Takimoto,

Dorothy Matsui & Tammy Nagami Flowers: Richard Miyake (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 Shioshita

Childcare: Jeanne Hernandez

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Choral Benediction Response: #77 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing,' verse 1

^{*}Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, October 25th
J's Mini Mart
Before worship

Today, October 25th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Saturday, October 31st Happy Halloween

Please be safe and watch for all of our Trick-O-Treaters!!

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
Please submit names of Saints to be honored.

Wednesday, November 4th
Messenger
Please submit articles by Oct. 30th
Sunday, November 8th
Council Meeting
After worship

Wednesday, November 11th
In honor of Veterans Day
CHC Office will be Closed

Sunday, November 15th
Trustees Meeting
After worship

Wednesday, November 18th
Messenger
Please submit articles by November 13th

Thursday, November 19th
Senior Ministry
10 am to 12 pm in the Building of Faith

Saturday, November 21st
SERVICE DAY
8:30 am Church of the Holy Cross
Bring Family and Friends to beautify our campus

Sunday, November 22nd
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Thursday, November 26th Happy Thanksgiving CHC Office Closed

Friday, November 27th CHC Office Closed

Sunday, November 29th First Week of Advent

Sunday, November 29th
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. Sunday in the Sanctuary & 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- IYAA Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark Ch. 12
- 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 9:00 am in the Lounge
- Qigong meets every Friday at 9:00 am to 10:30 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 from 2 pm to 4 pm and Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm

Rev. Stiven Pousima; Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa

• The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei – worships 10am to noon in the Building of Faith.

Rev. Ichiro Annes

Samoan Church worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.

Rev. Take Sunia

• Chuukese Church worships from 1 pm to 3pm in Building of Faith Meeting Room.

Rev. Saburo Robert

• First Marshallese Assembly of God, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.

Rev. Brandy Karben