

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

Barbara Iwami

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: Larghetto (Sonata II) By: Handel

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.

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**

***Benediction**

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

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

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 Shiohita

Childcare: Jeanne Hernandez

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