

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Bob Smith

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: “Fugue” By: Pachebel

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our God is a worker of wonders, bringing life out of death.

People: Nothing and no one is holy like our God!

Leader: God lifts up those who are lowly, God kindles lives that the world has sought to extinguish.

People: Nothing and no one is holy like our God!

Leader: God restores dignity to those who have been brought down, and guards the feet of his faithful ones.

People: Nothing and no one is holy like our God!

ALL: Come, friends and neighbors, come and let us worship God who teaches us that failure is an opportunity to do better next time.

***Hymn: #84 ‘This Is the Day’** verses 1 - 3

***Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Mahalo nui loa, Maker of us all, for your faithfulness to us. Mahalo, Friend of sinners, that your friendship never fails us. Mahalo, Mysterious Guide, for standing forever with us. Mahalo, Challenging One, for helping us to turn the world upside down. Like the nail that sticks out gets hammered in, we often bear the brunt of the hostility of people demanding conformity. Join us in this time of wonder and praise, and journey with us from this place into your new and glorious world. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children Great Service [5] **Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**
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 by 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: "On Eagle's Wings" *By: Michael Joncas*

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1: 9 – 20

Scripture: Hebrews 10: 24

Sermon: Honoring our past, celebrating our present, and cleaving our future [5] **I have asked him of the Lord.**

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #438 'When Peace, Like a River' verses 1 - 4

Every Member Canvas Moment

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Invitation to the Offering:

God raises the poor from the dust, lifts up the needy from the garbage pile, the *bụi đời*, "dust of life," the starving people of the countryside taking refuge in towns, our homeless and hungry ones, the young street children abandoned and moving about without purpose, like dust. The pillars of the earth belong to our God, who set the world on top of them! God has dreams and hopes and plans for our world – and invites us to be a part of all that. Let us then present our offering.

Offertory: "Fughetta" By: Pachebel

Kayleen Yuda

***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 keia ao, ko kela ao *(Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost)*
'Amene *(Amen)*

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

Mahalo nui loa, O God, for this opportunity to share our resources to strengthen your work in this world. Create in us open and eager hearts to do your work. We offer you these gifts along with our commitment to change the world as you would have us do. Amene.

***Closing Hymn: #571 'O God of Love, O God of Peace' verses 1 - 2**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #571 'O God of Love, O God of Peace' verse 3**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: "Gigue" By: Corelli-Bampton**

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Anne Sadayasu, Ethel Yoshimasu, Eric Tanouye,
Jenny Kondo & Margaret Torigoe

Flowers: Anna & Biff Kennedy and Margaret Torigoe

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: Malia Mattos

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, 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

Friday, November 20th

And Saturday, November 21st

“Harmony on Tap” an Acapella Peace Concert

7:30 pm at the 1st United Protestant Church - 1350 Waianuenu Avenue

Benefit for the Friends of the Children’s Justice Center

\$5 donation/children under 10 free

Tickets at Basically Books, at the door, or from a group member

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

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Saturday, November 28th

Hanging of the Greens

9 am in the Sanctuary

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
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Brandy Karben