

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Stewardship Sunday
November 08, 2015

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: "Brother James' Air" By: Bain-Jordan

Stuart Mori

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come into the house of God!

People: We come to worship God!

Leader: Bring your stories and your heartaches, your hopes and your questions.

People: We come with our stories, heartaches, hope, and questions to worship God!

Leader: Know that this is a safe place for all people.

People: I joyed when to the house of God, go up they say to me!

[Psalm 122: 1]

***Hymn: #86 'When Morning Gilds the Skies' verses 1 – 4**

***Invocation** [In unison]

God of hope, lead all who are vulnerable to places of sanctuary where our stories are treasured, our heartaches are cushioned by friends' attentive ears, hope may be found, questions find an answer, and life may be sustained.

Bind us together in love as a community of your people, and strengthen us to serve you in all we say and do. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children Great Service [4]

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: "City of Heaven" By: Josephine Poelinitz

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Scripture: Ruth 4: 13 – 17

Scripture: Hebrews 9: 24- 28

Sermon: Honoring our past, celebrating our present, and cleaving our future

[4] In Dis Life

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #485 'O Love That Will Not Let Me Go' verses 1 - 4

Invitation to the Offering:

O loving God, we come to offer you thanks for this amazing world in which we are privileged to live. O creating God, we come to offer you thanks for your creation. We pray for the work of conservation, preservation, and reclamation. O caring God, we come to offer you thanks for loving us so deeply. Ruth and Naomi managed to survive in Bethlehem because the Jewish law called for them to be able to glean, to gather leftover food from the harvest. Our world is not as generous, and far too many have fallen through the cracks. We can make a difference by being loving, creating, and caring, just like you. Let us present our offering.

Offertory: " Andante Grazioso" By Rinck

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

Prayer of Dedication: [In unison]

Mahalo nui loa to our abundant God, our God who gives more than what we deserve, and our God who loves us in this life and in the life here ever after. We offer these gifts with joy and thanksgiving. Be pleased to use them in service to your people and the fullness of your purpose for all people who on earth do dwell. Amene.

Closing Hymn: #565 ‘God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending’ verses 1 – 4

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response:#96 ‘Sun of My Soul, O Savior Dear’ verse 1**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: “Festive Trumpets” By: Wetherill**

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Ken Tanouye, Stefan Tanouye,
Joel Santo 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: Stefan Tanouye

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, Sunday, November 8th

Council Meeting

After worship

Tuesday, November 10th
Care Partners Support Group Meeting
10 am to 12 noon in the Building of Faith

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day
CHC Office CLOSED

Sunday, November 15th
Trustees Meeting
After worship

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

Thursday, November 19th
Senior Ministry
Thanksgiving Luncheon

10 am to 12 noon in the Building of Faith

Please sign up on the sheet located at the rear of the sanctuary in the breezeway so that a head count can be taken

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