

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
November 22, 2015  
Thanksgiving Sunday

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together**

**Words of Greeting**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Prelude: “Harvest-Home”** *By: Lloyd*

**Gloria Kobayashi**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God of our lives, in your truth, the marginalized are role models, the voiceless sing words of hope the world needs to hear, the powerless gain strength from your faithful witness. Reign over us, tender God, so we may dwell in the beauty of your realm.

**People: On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we have much to be thankful!**

Leader: God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied, thirst to be quenched, and hunger to be satiated.

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Leader: Wondrous God, you encircle all time with your presence; you encircle creation with your love. You brought all things into being and receive all things back to you. May we find our hope and our life in your enfolding grace.

**People: On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we have much to be thankful!**

Leader: The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. When we choose the lies of the world, your word is not on our lips. When we choose independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in actions towards others. When we choose to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose way gives us life.

**ALL: On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we have much to be thankful! Let us, then, in thanksgiving, worship God!**

**\*Hymn: #420 'We Praise You, O God'**

verses 1 - 3

**\*Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

God of all time and space, you are always present with us. You are in our world, in our lives, and we are grateful. Hear us, O God, as we pray to you. We lift up to you concerns for our world, for places of wrong and hurt, for times of worry and uncertainty and especially for lives lost in Paris this week. On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we humbly ask you to move in us, fill us with your spirit of love and justice, empower us with your hope and your dreams, that the world you envision for us might be the place for which we strive. 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: "Kuimba Asante"** By: *Dave & Jean Perry*

**Na Leo Ni'o Lani**

**Scripture: 2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7**

**Scripture: Psalm 93**

**Sermon:** The Thanksgiving gift we take is equal to the Thanksgiving gift we make!

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #425 'For the Fruit of All Creation' verses 1 - 2

### Invitation to the Offering:

God raises the poor from the dust, lifts up the needy from the garage pile. 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: "Air" By: Pasquini

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. On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we gladly and gratefully offer you these gifts along with our commitment to change the world as you would have us do. Amene.**

\*Closing Hymn: #425 'For the Fruit of All Creation' verses 3

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response: #419 'Now Thank We All Our God' verse 2

\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

\*Postlude: "The Bishop's Fanfare" By: Tambling

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Flowers:** Connie Yoshiyama

**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:** Tricia Kimura

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Today, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**J's Mini Mart**  
Before Worship

**Today, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Deacons Meeting**  
After worship

**Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**  
**Interfaith Communities in Action Thanksgiving Service**  
**Church of the Holy Apostles**

**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Happy Thanksgiving  
CHC Office Closed

**Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
CHC Office Closed

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hanging of the Greens**  
9 am in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
First Sunday of Advent  
"Glowing with Advent"

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
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**
- ✚ **Samoa Church** worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Take Sunia**
- ✚ **First Marshallse Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary. **Rev. Brandy Karben**