

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
December 27, 2015
First Sunday after Christmas

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Woody Kita

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: "He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Kayleen Yuda

(French Carol Melody) Arr. Wood

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise God!

People: Praise God up and down!

Leader: Praise God left and right!

People: Praise God in the morning.

Leader: Praise God in the evening.

ALL: Praise God no matter what and when!

Hymn:#156 'Brightest and Best,' verses 1 and 3

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

We praise you this day, O God, remembering all that you have done for us. Especially in this Christmas season, we give you thanks for sending Jesus Christ to be our friend, our sensei, our guide, and our Savior. As a new year begins, we ask you to be with us each day, helping us follow the example of Jesus to make our world a little more loving. God of overwhelming love and grace, in this Christmas season we come before you in prayer. We remember how you chose to live among us, declaring that our world was a worthy place for you, the Creator, to be present. And so at this time, we pray for our world and for all who live in it. We especially pray for those for whom today is a difficult time. For those who are missing loved ones who have gone Home to you, or who are far away. For those who are unable to be surrounded by others and who struggle with all the emphasis on family and togetherness in this season. Open our hearts and stretch our

understanding that we might find new ways to travel with others in the days to come.
We pray in Christ's name. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children: Keep on praying! Praying is good for you!

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Installation of Boards and Officers for 2016

Council Officers

Moderator: Woody Kita

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Board of Trustees

Newton Chu, Mildred Daikawa, Mary Ann Katayama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem, Robert Smith, Wayne Suzuki, Stefan Tanouye, Herbert Watanabe

We thank all who served last year for your dedication and service to our Congregation

Greetings from our Pastoral candidate Eric K. Anderson (via video)

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.

Anthem

International Young Adult Association

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Scripture: Luke 4: 41 – 52

Sermon: Growing up in the Service of the Lord

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn: #533 'Children of God,' verses 1 and 4

Invitation to the Offering:

God gives to us over and over again. What a joy it is for us to give something back to God!
At the end of this year, in appreciation for the gifts throughout 2015 and especially for the Gift of Christmas, let us present an offering to God.

Offertory: "He Shall Feed His Flock"

Kayleen Yuda

(From Messiah) By: Handel-Whitworth

***Doxology: #780 or #781**

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

Take these gifts we offer, O God, and use them to enhance your presence in our world.
May they bring voice to the voiceless, hope to those without hope, and a new lease of life to those seeking a meaning-filled life. Amene.

***Closing Hymn:#172 'Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult,' verse 1**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: "Auld Lang Syne"**

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

Chorus.-For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: "Joy to the World"**

(Tune: Antioch) By: Handel/Ritter

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu, Esther Kodani & Karl Kawahara

Flowers: Laura Ota

Interim Minister: Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez

Choir Director: Rachel Wilson

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Ethel Yoshimasu

NOTICE

Rhythm & Life will resume on January 12th, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, December 27th

J's Mini Mart

Before Worship

Today, December 27th

Installation of 2016 Office Bearers

Today, December 27th

Deacons Meeting

After worship

Beginning on January 03, 2016

Beginners' Bible Study for 6 weeks

A general Walkabout of the Bible

In Pastor's Office 8.30 am to 9.30 am

All are very warmly welcome!

Sunday, January 03, 2016
Special General Membership Meeting
To approve call of The Rev. Eric Anderson

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study**, Monday at 6:30 pm, Wednesday at 9:30 am & Sunday at 8:30 am starting on January 3, 2016 in the Pastor's 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**, resumes on January 12, 2016
- **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