

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2016

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: “Prelude” Purcell

Barbara Iwami

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We praise you, O generous God, that today we gladly and gratefully celebrate our 125h Anniversary! Today, we joyfully celebrate and jubilantly rejoice that 125 years ago you enabled our ancestors to establish the Hilo Japanese Christian Church.

ALL: You blessed our forebears 125 years ago. Be pleased to bless us who are here today. God of the feast, Holy One of abundant joy and overflowing grace, open us to you. Open us to trust in love that never runs out. Our ancestors believed that even as we, too, believe so today.

Leader: The gifts that have been given to us are real, even if we don't always recognize them. Like the gifts within us, God's love for us is also overflowing.

People: Open us to follow your leading to amazing renewal. Open us to the Christ who comes to make all things new!

Leader: There are a variety of gifts but the same spirit.

People: God's gifts overflow us!

Leader: There are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

People: God's gifts overflow us!

Leader: There are a variety of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them to and in everyone.

All: Let us worship the God from whom our beloved ancestors received 125 years ago, even as we have received your overflowing gifts today!

Hymn:#433 'In the Bulb There Is a Flower' verses 1 – 3, to the *Austrian Hymn* tune, #565

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Gracious God, you have given each one of us special gifts – precious gifts from your Spirit. We praise you, God, for the gifts that overflow in us. You make that happen like *in a bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free*. Help us to know how you want us to use our gifts, individually and within our beloved Church of the Holy Cross, to heal the hurt and brokenness in our community. Be with us this day as we joyfully sing praises, gladly hear your Word, and gratefully open our hearts to the amazing ways that you are speaking to us and through us. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children “Using gifts God has given us”

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 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 and the children leave for Sunday school.

Anthem: “Gather Your Children” By: *Mahnke*

Na Leo Ni’o Lani

Scripture: Isaiah 62: 1 – 5

Scripture: John 2: 1 – 11

Sermon: Overflowing love in good measure

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn:#405 ‘There Are Some Things I May Not Know,’ verses 1 - 3

Invitation to the Offering:

When Jesus turned water into wine, he was welcoming the arrival of your new age, O God. The jars of water that became wine are rich symbols of the power of your love, O Holy One. We thank you, God, for the gifts in people like Mary who saw in Jesus that it was his time. And we thank you for people in our own lives who see in us gifts we do not always see in ourselves. Show us how to use the gifts overflowing in us in such a way that all whom we meet may see and feel your love as it shines through us. May your spirit overflow us and in us as we gladly offer a portion of the wealth you have entrusted to us.

Offertory: "Air" Purcell

Kayleen Yuda

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

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]**

God of abundance and overflowing love, we offer these gifts, both monetary gifts and especially the gifts of our very selves, to you. Be pleased, O Lord, to use them and us, to allow others to feel and see and experience the amazing fullness of your love for us. Like the hot lava that flows and like the mellow wine that overflows from jars of kindness and love, may these gifts we bring reach places and people far and wide, bringing your redeeming grace and your loving generosity especially to people who need it the most. In the sincerity of our soul, we offer these our gifts to refugees, especially the children refugees, in their time of need. Amene.

***Closing Hymn: #377 'Forward through the Ages,' verses 1 - 2**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #377 'Forward through the Ages,' verse 3**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" By: Darwall-Whitworth Kayleen Yuda**

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack, Joyce Nakamoto, Michi Koizumi & Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Flowers: Saeko Hayashi

Interim Minister: Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today, January 17, 2016

Trustees Meeting

After worship

Monday, January 18, 2016

CHC Office Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Messenger

Saturday, January 23, 2016

SERVICE DAY

Please bring family and friends to help beautify our campus

Sunday, January 24, 2016

J's Mini Mart

Before worship

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Deacons Meeting

After Worship

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Senior Ministry

10 am to 12 noon

Building of Faith

Sunday, January 31, 2016
Christian Ed Meeting
After worship

Sunday, January 31, 2016
Board of Stewardship & Mission Meeting
After worship

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study**, Sunday at 8:30 am, Monday at 6:30 pm & Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Pastor's Study
- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary & 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark Ch. 14
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **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 1:00 pm 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