

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
January 10, 2016

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Jean Pierre Thoma**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “Allegretto (Sonata No. 1) By: Nauman**

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus’ baptism. It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role baptism has played in our own life. It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God’s ‘kin-dom.’

**People:** **Through our faith, we are brothers and sisters. We belong to the family of God or the household of faith. We are ‘kin’ to each other. We are ohana.**

**Leader:** Come then, all God’s people, and listen to the voice of God.

**People:** **God’s voice is in the murmur of the waters.**

**Leader:** The water is cleansing and refreshing.

**People:** **Water reminds us of our vows to follow Christ.**

**Leader:** Baptism clears a way for new life.

**All:** **Our baptism reminds us that we are God’s people, and that we join together in love and service.**

**Hymn:#159 ‘As with Gladness Those of Old,’** verses 1 – 4

**Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**From the formless waters God created life and called them good. In the waters of the river Jordan, John baptized Jesus, the source of living water. Christ invites all who thirst to come and drink. Our baptism is a symbol of our covenant with Christ and through Christ, with each other. It reminds us that we too shall welcome all to the living water. This morning we happily praise you that you have called the Gideons to share the baptism into Jesus Christ with nameless people who read the Bible the Gideons have placed in hotels, hospitals, prisons, and anywhere the Gideons are allowed to place the Bible. In appreciation of the Gideons’ ministry, we now come and prepare our heart and our mind to drink the living water. Amene.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Time with Children**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Title: The Gideons' Ministry of the Word of God Mr Dallas Jelsma**

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**

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 42: 1, 5 - 8 and Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 - 22

**Sermon:** Named and Claimed

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: #351 'I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry, verses 1 - 4**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**Offertory: "Sarabande By: Couperin**

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

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

**El Shaddai, Yahweh, Jehovah, Adonai: your name is music and meaning. You have named us as well, and our names not only identify us, but hold the key to our true identity. Help us to be worthy of the name you have given us: beloved, be love, Christ's followers,**

God's children. May our small gifts do your work of love and aloha throughout our community. Amene.

\*Closing Hymn: Senior version of *Jesus Loves Me*, verses 1 - 3 [See Insert]

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response: Senior version of *Jesus Loves Me*, verse 4 [See Insert]

\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

\*Postlude: "Festival Postlude *By: Zipoli*

Kayleen Yuda

**Ushers:** Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack, Joyce Nakamoto,  
Michi Koizumi & Millie Daikawa

**Flowers:** Kay Kawachika (Mem) &  
Mary Ann Katayama

**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**

#### **This week at the Church of the Holy Cross**

- **Bible Study**, Sunday at 8:30 am, Monday at 6:30 pm, and Wednesday at 9:30 am in Pastors 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. Gospel of Mark Ch 14.
- **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**