

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula St  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 24, 2016

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

**Words of Greeting**

**Carolyn Lum-Bellem**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Prelude: “Song of Devotion” *By: Riggs***

**Kayleen Yuda**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** As we celebrate Jubilee, we long for news that is good – good for Earth, good for our hearts, good for communities. May we listen for your good news of Jubilee about those ways you have set before us, exemplified for us, and called forth from us, in Jesus Christ.

**People:** We joyfully gather to listen and reflect on God’s word which is sweeter than honey fresh from the honeycomb. We rejoice that we continue to grow and learn new things.

**Leader:** Growing up includes moving away from home, establishing new patterns, skills, behaviors, and changing the way we live.

**People:** Arriving home, even for a short visit, can challenge independence, both for the visitor and those who host.

**Leader:** Verbal and non-verbal suggestions to change can easily generate conflict.

**People:** Persons once deemed wise may be viewed as less wise, and those considered naïve may become viewed as having gained wisdom.

**Leader:** In this process, God revives our souls and causes our hearts to rejoice!

**People:** As we worship together, God will strengthen us in our growth.

**ALL:** We know our rock and our redeemer is moving us forwards in this place!

**Hymn: #584 ‘I Am the Light of the World,’ verses 1 – 4**

**Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

**Wonderful God, you have called each of us here this morning and we have answered that call. Some of us come joyfully, some of us come bearing the burdens of grief, pain, or doubt. Some of us don't know why we have come at all. Wherever our hearts are this morning, we pray that we would encounter you. We know that when we encounter you, God of abundance, you will fill our hearts and we will be changed. Send your Spirit to blow over this place so that all we do will bring glory to your name! Amene.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Time with Children: Anointed**

**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: "How Can I Say Thanks" *By Andrae Crouch***

**Rachel Edwards**

**Accompanied by Gloria Kobayashi**

**Scripture: Psalm 19:1-14**

**Scripture: Luke 4: 14 – 21**

**Sermon: Anointed for a Purpose**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

**Hymn: #449 'Softly and Tenderly,' verses 1 - 4**

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

God of justice and peace, you have proclaimed good news for the poor, liberation for the captives, healing for the sick, and freedom for the oppressed. You have also invited us to participate in bringing your justice to the earth, yet we drag our feet. We want to be people who work for great change, but we don't want to lose our own stability and comfort zone. You have proclaimed the year of Jubilee, a fresh start for the world where all people are equal and all have what they need. But we want to cling to what we have. Free us from our feelings of entitlement, O God. Work in our hearts and help us to see the world the way you see it. Give us the courage to walk in your path. Fill us with contagious passion! Help to make our gifts tokens of compassion to console the afflicted, symbols of courage to change the complacent, and an ounce or two of caffeine to energize the lethargic. Amene.

**Offertory: "At the Worship Hour"** *By: Ritter*

**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's spirit rests on us. It is the spirit of forgiveness, the spirit of grace, and the spirit of welcome. We lift our hearts to you, O God. We long for a new beginning for ourselves and for our world. We pray for the day when all people have what they need, when no one goes to bed hungry and when all people have safety and security. Be pleased to use these our gifts and ourselves to bring about the Jubilee Year, the time of bringing peace and justice to a landscape of violence and conflicts that is getting nearer to our shores.**

**\*Closing Hymn: #503 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You,'** verses 1 - 3

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response: : #503 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You,'** verse 4

**\*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**\*Postlude: "The Trumpet of Faith"** *By: Wetherill*

**Kayleen Yuda**

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

**Flowers:** Margaret Torigoe (Mem)  
**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:** Lois Jean Tanouye

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Today, January 24, 2016**  
**J's Mini Mart**  
**Before Worship**

**Today, 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**  
**Board of Christian Education**  
**After worship**  
**Meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month**  
**Beginning March 2016**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016**  
**Messenger**  
**Please submit all articles before January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 Sanctuary
- **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
- **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)** meets every Thursday at 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the Library.
- **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 10 am to 1pm in the Building of Faith.  
**Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, Hilo [CCCAS]** worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Take Sunia**
- **Bedesta Church** worships at 1:30 pm in the Building of Faith.  
**Rev.**
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Brandy Karben**