

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Second Sunday in Lent
He Came to Pay a Debt He didn't Owe;
Because We Owed a Debt We couldn't Pay!
February 21, 2016

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Jason Rekis

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: Melodies-Wetherill

Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able, please rise. [Unison]

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are met in the presence of God

People: And we do not meet alone.

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven

People: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With Abraham and Sarah

People: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With the saints of every age

People: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: We embark on our own journey of faith

People: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: God makes of us a great people

People: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

People: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: We journey in the presence of God.

ALL: And we do not journey alone.

Hymn: #197 'Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross,' verses 1 - 4

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Covenant God, may we find ourselves trusting you when the evidence tells us otherwise. May we find ourselves following you when the world says not to. May we find ourselves living with the impossible when everything else says we can't. May we hear the promise in our souls, and live it in our world. 'For being glad is one sure way of praying As on men trod, and happiness, a certain way of saying: 'We thank Thee, God.' Amene!
[Grace Noll Crowell]

***Gloria Patri**

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Title: Strong and Tender

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle for the

***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.

Please be seated

**Anthem: Lord Make us Instruments of Thy Peace (The prayer of St. Francis) –David Greig
Na Leo Ni`o Lani**

**Scripture: Psalm 27: 1 – 7
Philippians 3: 17 – 21**

**Sermon: Words and Music Make a Great Hymn
Inspiring a Lenten Meditation**

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Please remain seated

Hymn: #222 'My Song Is Love Unknown,' verses 1 – 3

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory: Tranquil Moment- Wely-Paxton

Kayleen Yuda

Please rise if you are able

***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]

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend in whose sweet praise in all my days could gladly spend! Amene!

***Closing Hymn: #222 'My Song Is Love Unknown,'** verse 4

***Benediction**

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

***Choral Benediction Response: #222 'My Song Is Love Unknown,'** verse 5

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: God's Trumpet Call** -Blake

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Christian Albano, Theone Albano, Clarice Suzuki, Wayne Suzuki & Amy Shiroma

Flowers: Hats Kamimura

Interim Minister: Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Pearl Lyman

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Jeanne Hernandez

Church Life

- **Mahalo to the Suzuki family and Amy Shiroma for today's refreshments.**
- **Sunday, February 28th -- please stay after worship for the Annual Meeting**
- **Today February 21st --Trustees Meeting after worship**
- **Sunday, February 28th --J's Mini Mart before Worship**
- **Sunday, February 28th --Deacons Meeting after worship**

Coming Soon

- **Sunday, March 6th – Board of Christian Education after worship**
- **Tuesday, March 8th – Care Partners Support Meeting (BOF)**
- **Sunday, March 13th – Church Council Meeting after worship**
- **Saturday, March 19th -- Service Day please bring family and friends to help beautify our campus**
- **Board of Christian Education Easter Activities**
 - Saturday, March 26th -- Easter egg coloring at 9:00 a.m. in J's Café**
 - Sunday, March 27th -- Easter egg hunt at 9:00 a.m.**

This week at 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. 15
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **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.

Other Congregations that Worship at The Church of the Holy Cross

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships 10 am to 1pm in the Building of Faith. --**Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Bedesta Church** worships at 1:30 pm in the Building of Faith. --**Pastor Edmes Edwin**
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, Hilo [CCCAS]** worships at 12 pm in Sanctuary. --**Rev. Take Sunia**
- **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**
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary. --**Rev. Brandy Karben**
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- **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.
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