

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday in Lent
He Came to Pay a Debt He didn't Owe;
Because We Owed a Debt We couldn't Pay!
February 28, 2016

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Margaret Torigoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: On Wings of Morn --Nolte

Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able, please rise. [Unison] reading in **bold** text

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 95*)

Leader: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Leader: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

People: The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the HOLY ONE, our Maker!

People: Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!

Leader: Let us not harden our hearts, as they did in the wilderness,

People: When our ancestors tested our Liberator, requiring proof of God's faithfulness, even though they had witnessed miracles!

Leader: For forty years God contended with that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

People: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles. Today, we re-dedicate our hearts to you and strain our ears to hear your voice. Speak now, Still-Speaking God, for your people are listening!

Hymn: #200 'Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed,' verses 1 - 4

Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Blessing, glory, and honor are yours alone. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer this prayer in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Title: God loves us

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.

Anthem: IYAA (International Young Adult Association)

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

Luke 13: 6 – 9

Sermon: Love to the loveless shown

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Please remain seated

Hymn: 'My Song Is Love Unknown,' verses 1 - 4 [Insert]

Invitation to the Offering:

May we be reminded of your presence, O God. May we know your presence in our needs, in our weaknesses, in our fear, and in our love. Holy One, you have put salt on our tongue that we should thirst for you. God, you quench our thirst and nourish our hunger, so that we might love and care for others. We bring these our gifts and ourselves for you to use as you please in your mission in the world.

Offertory: The Sacred Hour --Higgins

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]**

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and our whole lives to you. You provide for our needs and deepest longings. Take these gifts and help them be the water that quenches others' thirst, and the food that makes a rich feast of justice and peace in today's world. Amene.

***Closing Hymn: 'My Song Is Love Unknown,' verses 5 - 6 [Insert]**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: 'My Song Is Love Unknown,' verse 7 [Insert]**

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: Recessional --Nordman**

Kayleen Yuda

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

Flowers: Jill Suzuki, Theone Albano

Interim Minister: Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Pearl Lyman

Choir Director: Katherine Wilson

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Lei Jack

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please stay after worship for the Annual Meeting

- **Mahalo to the Suzuki Family and Amy Shiroma for last weeks refreshments.**
- **Today --J's Mini Mart before Worship**
- **Today --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**
- **Thursday, March 24th -- Blood Bank of Hawaii (BOF)**
- **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**
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room