

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
EASTER SUNDAY
March 27, 2016

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Anne Sadayasu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: Risen to Victory – Birchwood

Kayleen Yuda

All who are able please stand. Unison reading in bold text

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! We thank you, O God, for our new life in Christ. Join our voices and our hearts with your servants in every place and time. Alleluia!

People: We are the Easter people, filled with hope and joy!

Leader: Hear the good news! Mary came to an empty tomb, and found the Risen Christ!

All: Jesus died and rose again – God has had the final victory over death!

Leader: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

All: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia

***Hymn #233 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, verses 1 - 4**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

God of the empty tomb, we come into your presence looking for Jesus after his death on the cross. We find the Risen Christ instead and are delighted and transformed. As the stone was rolled away from the tomb on the first Easter morning, may we move

any obstacle in our hearts and minds to encountering you in the holy mystery we remember today. Amene.

Please rise if you are able

Gloria Patri

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Special Anthem: Above All Powers

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Stuart Mori & Jayson Rekis

Infant Baptism of Shalom Gelan

Transfer of Membership of Doreen Lucas and Ann S. Kanahele

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 in Music.

Anthem: Lift Up Your Heads --C Wesley Anderson

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scripture: Acts 23:6
1 Corinthians 15: 12-15, 17, 19, 54-57

Special Anthem: **Holy City**

Kaweo Kanoho

Sermon: O death, where is thy victory?
O grave, where is thy sting?

Rev Choo Lak Yeow

Anthem

IYAA

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Please remain seated

Hymn:#242 'The Strife Is O'er,' verses 1 - 4

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory: Fanfare on "Easter Hymn" – Chesterton

Kayleen Yuda

Please rise if you are able

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen

Prayer of Dedication: [unison]

God, we thank you for our new life in the Risen Christ. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. You have built a foundation for our church, our community of faith. We offer our gifts to you today. Take them and make them opportunities for new life to grow in our worship and witness. Amene.

Closing Hymn:#253 Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! vs 1 - 2

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response: #253 Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! vs 3

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Easter Joy –Blake

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA – Jayson Rekis

Flowers: Congregation with Cindy Debus, coordinator

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: Joyce Nakamoto

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today – Farewell potluck luncheon for Pastor Choo Lak Yeow
- Thursday, March 31st – Sr. Ministry 10-12 noon (Building of Faith)
- Sunday, April 3rd – Communion
- Tuesday, April 5th – Pastor Eric’s first day
- Sunday, April 10th – Welcome Social for Pastor Eric after worship
- Saturday, April 16th – Hawaii Island Association `Aha Moku-puni
9 am

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesday in the sanctuary
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the lounge.
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 pm in the BF
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm 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.
- **Hand Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1 pm in J’s Café

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the Sanctuary on Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm and Wednesday from 6 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 the Sanctuary.
Rev. Take Sunia
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God** worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Brandy Karben
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith Meeting Room