

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2016

***He Came to Pay a Debt He Didn't Owe;
Because We Owed a Debt We Couldn't Pay!***

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Jane Kawazoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: The Cross of Christ --Martens

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Even when we wander, God is always with us.

People: God knows the depths of our hearts and shows us tender mercy.

Leader: God desires truth in our inward being,

People: and leads us on paths of wisdom and love.

Leader: God washes us clean from sin,

People: and wipes away every wrongdoing.

Leader: With willing and new and right spirits within us,

People: let us sing songs of gladness in praise of God's love.

Hymn:#190 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' verses 1 - 3

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

O God of our Hearts You yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace and love you have written on our hearts. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children: 'What about losing?'

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: Amazing Grace/ My Chains are Gone--

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

arranged by BJ Davis

Scripture: Isaiah 53: 1 – 3

Philippians 3: 4 – 11

Sermon: 'I count but loss'**

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn:#493 'O Jesus, I Have Promised' verses 1 -3

Invitation to the Offering:

God of surprising grace, embolden us in ministries that convey care, concern, and connection, whether such ministry engages us in actions of long-standing tradition or risk-taking newness, for in gracious ministry to and with those around us – like Mary, like Martha – we gladly minister to you. Loving God, Lent is a time of reflection and meditation on your grace and love. May our hearts and minds be open to the new things that you are doing in and through each one of us, and in and through this gathered community of long-standing friends. Gracious God, we thank you that in Lent we get to meditate on the Okinawan culture that affirms *ikigai*, '**a reason to get up in the morning.**' ***Waking up this morning to offer you our gift is our joy!***

Offertory: Father, We Praise Thee --Price

Kayleen Yuda

***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:** [in unison]

We put our faith and trust in your fresh ways. As we journey together, we dedicate our lives and these gifts to the work of loving others. We gratefully embrace your extravagant love which transforms us, energizes our ministry with and to others, and sends us forth with a renewed sense of purpose for the path forward. We dedicate the *ikigai*, 'a reason to get up in the morning' you have given us. Teach us this morning wisely to use 'a reason to get up in the morning' to sing *Jesus – The Very Thought to Me*. Amene.

***Closing Hymn:#507, 'Jesus – The Very Thought to Me,'** verses 1 - 3

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #507, 'Jesus – The Very Thought to Me,'** verse 5

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

***Postlude: Paen --Tambling**

Kayleen Yuda

*****[When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | Isaac Watts](#)**

When I survey the wondrous cross. On which the Prince of glory died, My richest *gain I count but loss*, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Ushers: IYAA – Jayson Rekis

Flowers: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

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: Eileen Shiraishi

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today – Church Council Meeting after worship
- March 18 – deadline for submission to The Messenger

COMING SOON

- Saturday, March 19th – Service Day, please bring family and friends to help beautify our campus
- Sunday, March 20th – Trustees Meeting after worship
- Thursday, March 24th – Maundy Thursday, 7 pm service
- Thursday, March 24th – Blood Bank of Hawaii (BOF)
- Friday, March 25th – Good Friday, 12 noon service
- 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 the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study**, Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 9:30 am in Pastors Study
- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary & 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark Ch. 15
- **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

Other Congregations that Worship 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 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
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room
- **First Marshalllese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Brandy Karben