

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Palm/Passion Sunday in Lent
March 20, 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

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: Festive Procession - Bryan

Kayleen Yuda

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Within each of our lives there is a longing for community and the Presence of God.

People: Sometimes we worry that we will walk alone, unnoticed and afraid.

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone. An Advocate will share our journey.

People: And this journey calls for us to continue to keep to the teachings of our Lord.

Leader: May the ever present love of God be with you.

People: And may the joy of Christ surround you.

Leader: May we know the presence of the Advocate as we gather in this community of peace, continuing to share the cost of discipleship with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

ALL: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord, may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us.

Hymn: 213 'Hosanna, Loud Hosanna,' verses 1-3

Prayer of Invocation in Unison

God of faithfulness and mercy, stay near to us this Palm Sunday and fill our hearts with the assurance that we are yours forever. We give thanks for the great gift of love that is ours through Jesus the Christ.

Love has burst through the gates of Jerusalem! We welcome the obedient, humble, and sacrificial love of God into our lives on this Palm Sunday. Fill our hearts with this love as we worship the one who taught us how to love one another. Amene.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children: Hosana, Loud Hosanna!

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: Lift up your heads

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scriptures: Isaiah 50: 6 – 9 and Luke 19: 28 - 40

Sermon: A Contemporary Palm Sunday Skit

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

Hymn:#503 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You,' verses 1 - 2

Invitation to the Offering:

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on this Palm/Passion you took upon yourself to give your back to the smiters, your cheeks to those who pulled out your beard. Our precious Jesus, you were despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. You were wounded for our transgression, and bruised for our iniquities. Upon you and you alone was the chastisement that made us whole. With your stripes we are healed.

In return, we bring these our gifts and ourselves to be used by you as you please!

Offertory: Lilies – Mumma-Wilson

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]**

**O how deep the silence when all heaven is broken.
How long its length when silence covers all the sins of the world
And lays it bear in death. We cling to the old rugged cross, and touch the love that we
believe will yet break death. Life begins once more when we touch the throne of grace,
and in that moment we know we are the recipients of the love and blood poured out for
many unto remission of our sins. 'Do you hear the people sing, say do you hear the
distant drums? It is the future that they bring when tomorrow comes!'
Lord, we are yours when today and tomorrow come! Amene.**

***Closing Hymn: #503 'O Savior, Let Me Walk with You,' verse 3**

***Benediction**

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

***Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: Ride on in Triumph, O King – *Balcombe

Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: IYAA – Jayson Rekis

Flowers: The Goya Family

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: Cindy Debus

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today – Trustees Meeting after worship
- Today – Board of Deacons meeting

COMING SOON:

- 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.
- Thursday, March 31st – Sr. Ministry meeting, 10 to 12 noon, (BOF) subject matter will be Dengue fever and the Zika virus

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 & 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesday in the Lounge
- **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.
- **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