

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Second Sunday of Easter
April 03, 2016

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Latai Loa

Pastoral Welcome

Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

Prelude: The Lord Is My Shepherd – *Denton*

Kayleen Yuda and
JP Thoma on flute

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 137*) [Unison reading in **bold** text]

Leader: Christian women and Christian men, on this second Sunday of Easter, 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: By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered
Zion.

**People: On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of
us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of
Zion.'**

Leader: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O
Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

**People: Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I
do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!**

**ALL: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles during their Babylonian
exile. Today, we recall our ancestors' tough life here in Hilo. Today, we re-**

dedicate our hearts to you and strain our ears to hear your voice. O Still-Speaking God, speak now, on this second Sunday of Easter, for your people are listening!

Hymn:#237 'I Come to the Garden Alone,' verses 1 – 3

Invocation

God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you, remembering your great love for us. We remember and rejoice at the messages of new life and resurrection that capture the essence of the Easter season. We are Easter people, drawn closer to you and to one another after Jesus' death and resurrection. We are witnesses of and have experienced your unending Easter love. May your Spirit guide us through this service and move us to share the good news of your resurrection with others. Amene.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children: By the rivers of Babylon (Psalm 137) **Pastor Choo Lak Yeow**

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: All Praise to Thee – *Tallis-Marie Pooler*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scripture: Acts 5: 28 – 29

John 20: 19 – 23

**Sermon: And Can It Be That I Should Gain
In Dis Life The Prayer**

Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn:#475 'God's Eye Is on the Sparrow,' verses 1 - 3

Invitation to the Offering:

May we be witnesses, O God, to your ways. Free our words and deeds to faithful obedience. Embolden us to tell of grace and mystery encountered in sacrament and community in our day. Free our words and deeds to faithful living.

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
He who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me.

[James Russell Lowell]

Offertory: Cantilena –Sammartini-Blake

Kayleen Yuda and
JP Thoma on flute

Doxology:

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

**Let us have a Church that dares imitate the heroism of Jesus;
 Seek inspiration as He sought it; judge the past as He; act on the present like Him;
 pray as He prayed; work as He wrought;
 Live as He lived. Amene.**

Hymn#252 'Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us,' verses 1 [In English and Hawaiian]

THE LORD'S SUPPER**Invitation**

Rev Choo Lak Yeow

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Rev Take Sunia

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Rev Take Sunia

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev Take Sunia

Closing Hymn:# 252 'Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us,' verse verse 2

Benediction

Rev Take Sunia

Choral Benediction Response: :# 252 'Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us,' verse 3

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Praise Him! Praise Him! – Hughes

Kayleen Yuda