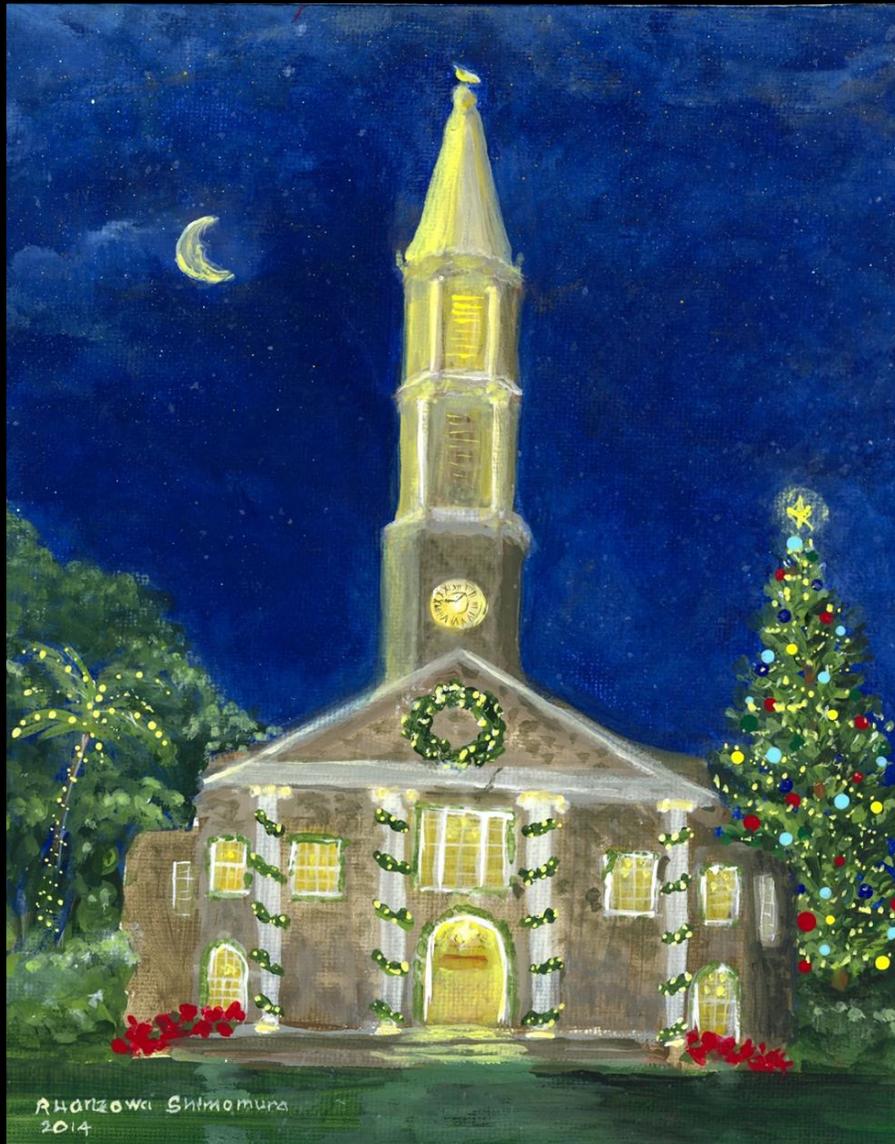


CENTRAL UNION CHURCH
A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA
COME, LET US WORSHIP!
CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2020 • 8:30 PM DRIVE-IN SERVICE



"We Engage and Embrace ALL as we seek to Embody Christ!"

Prelude

Carillon

Welcome

The Rev. Brandon Durán

Opening Prayer

The Rev. Mary Herbig

Carol

Light of the World

**The world waits for a miracle, The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel, A child prays for peace on earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt, O come O come Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing**

Chorus 1

**Glory to the Light of the world
Glory, the Light of the world is here**

Verse 2

**The drought breaks with the tears of a mother, A baby's cry is the sound of love come down
Come down Emmanuel, He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah, the Prince of peace has come, He has come Emmanuel oh**

Chorus 2

**Glory to the light of the world, Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world, Glory to the light of the world**

Bridge

**For all who wait for all who hunger, For all who've prayed for all who wonder
Behold your King behold Messiah, Emmanuel Emmanuel**

Chorus 3

**Glory to the light of the world, Glory the light of the world is here...
The world waits for a miracle, The heart longs for a little bit of hope,
O come O come Emmanuel**

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Reading

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Rev. Durán

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

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Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Herbig

Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

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Reading

Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11

Rev. Durán

Carol

We Three Kings

**We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar--
Field and fountain, moor and mountain--Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.**

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Reading

Luke 2:16-19

Rev. Durán

Christmas Meditation

Rev. Durán

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night (light your 'candles')

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Pō la'i ē, Pō kamaha'o,
Maluhia, Mālamalama,
Ka makuahine aloha ē, Me ke keiki hemolele ē,
Moe me ka maluhia lani, Moe me ka maluhia lani.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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Reading

John 1:1-2, 14a, 4-5

Rev. Herbig

Carol

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

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Benediction

Rev. Durán

Postlude

Carillon

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Musicians:

- Wade Cambern, *vocalist/instrumentalist* • Kristen Young, *vocalist* • Catherine Goto, *soprano*
- Blythe Kelsey, *mezzo soprano* • Keith Wallace, *tenor* • Christopher Kelsey, *bass*
- Margaret Lloyd, *organist/pianist* • Makua Fyrberg, *guitarist*

Christmas Offering:

All Christmas Offerings will be shared equally among the three ministries that bless those in need, both on island and abroad.

- (1) *Community Ministry* oversees programs like "Serving Aloha" which feeds hundreds of neighborhood households every week.
- (2) *World Missions Ministry* supports disaster relief efforts and community development projects overseas.
- (3) *The Christmas Fund of the United Church of Christ* supports retired clergy who are financially struggling.

Your donation to Central Union tonight will be given directly to these groups which bring Christ's hope, peace, and love to our world! If you wish to make a contribution please go to our website, centralunionchurch.org and click on the "Give Now" button. If you wish to donate strictly to Central Union, then please indicate that in the note field. Thank you for your generous support!

Poinsettias:

After the service, each car will exit from the Diamond Head side of the lawn. If you would like a poinsettia, once you exit the lawn, you are welcome to drive by the Sanctuary steps to receive one. Enjoy the poinsettia at home as a gift from Central Union Church or share the gift with a loved one who may appreciate extra Christmas cheer. Mele Kalikimaka!

The poinsettias are provided by the Frances Kay Brossy Memorial Flower Fund in memory of Frances Kay Brossy, a faithful and active member of Central Union Church who loved life and loved flowers.

Fred Brossy also purchased additional poinsettia plants through the Domestic Violence Action Center (those pots are marked with the DVAC logo imprinted on the foil covering).

Central Union Church, organized in 1887, traces its roots to the Seamen's Bethel, founded in 1833.

The Bethel began the earliest regular church services in English in the Hawaiian Kingdom.

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