

The flowers this morning were arranged by *Eva Yeung*, with assistance from *Dona Hanaïke* and *Suzie Field*. They were provided by the **Frances Kay Brossy Memorial Flower Fund** in memory of *Frances Kay Brossy*, a faithful and active member of CUC who loved life and loved flowers.

### REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT!

Women, join us for a weekend of relaxation, laughter, and deep connection at Camp Mokule'ia, November 3-5, 2023, Friday evening to Sunday noon. Register online at [www.bit.ly/CUCwomen2023](http://www.bit.ly/CUCwomen2023).

### PET BLESSING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Every year on the Sunday closest to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi\*, many people of faith around the world participate in events where animals are blessed. We will celebrate a blessing of pets on **Sunday, October 1st**, in the in-person worship services (and online the following Sunday). Bring your pet (or a photo) or stuffed animal to church for a blessing!

*\*St. Francis of Assisi lived a life of simplicity, charity and humility in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. He is remembered as a champion of justice and lover of animals.*

### 10 AM POTLUCK ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

We invite you to bring something simple and yummy to share! In the spirit of simplicity and being eco-friendly, we encourage you to also bring your own refillable water bottle, (reusable) dish and utensils for eating, and even a blanket or lawn chair to hang out and enjoy the day! The church will provide water to drink and have extra paper goods available.

Join us on **October 1 at 10 AM** around the Women's Building to share in food and fellowship! If you brought your pet to church, bring them too!

### GIVE ALOHA DURING SEPTEMBER AT FOODLAND!



Go to any Foodland cash register with your Maika'i card and make a donation naming **Central Union Church #78511** or **Central Union Preschool #78270** as a recipient.

You can donate any amount, up to a total of \$249. Then, you can submit your receipt (which will list your Maika'i number, our organization's name, and the donation amount) to the church office by mail.



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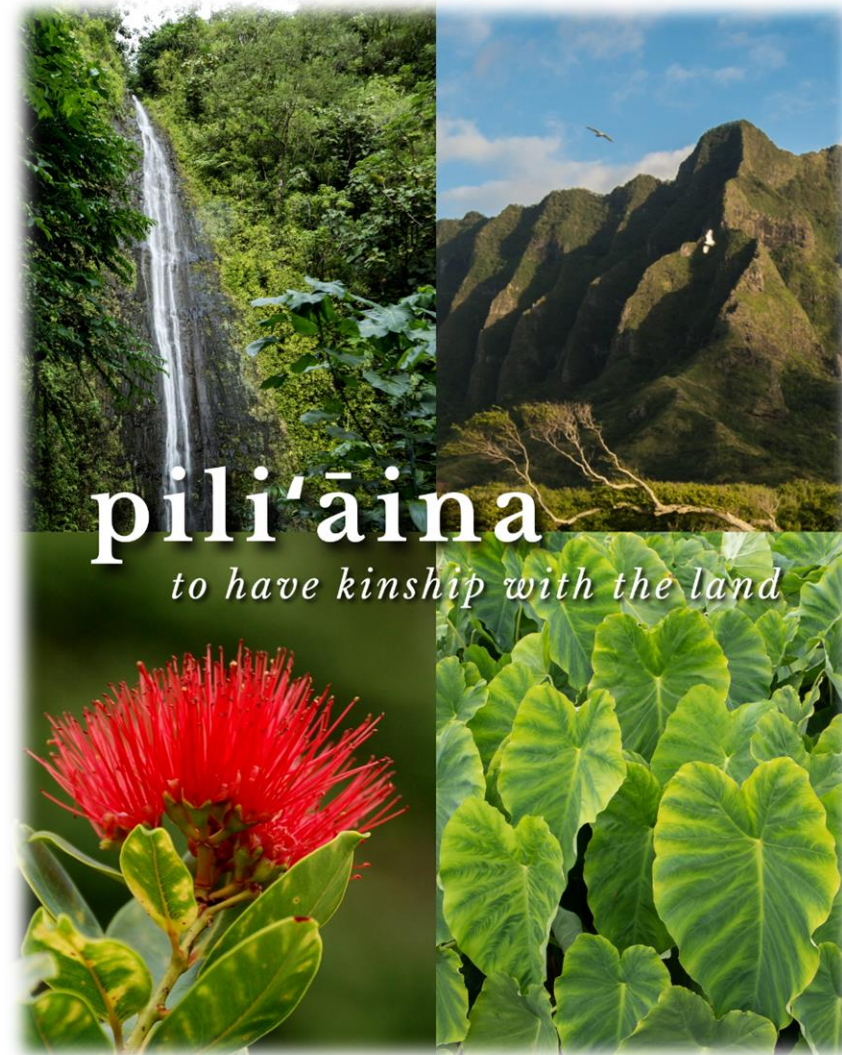
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# Welcome to Central Union Church

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



### ALOHA!

We are honored that you are here! We believe that the love of God lives in all of creation and that includes you. Your presence here is a blessing.

### WELCOME KEIKI!

At Central Union, we fully welcome children in worship! Keiki are an integral part of our 'ohana and we celebrate the joy they bring.

### FIRST TIME?

**WELCOME!** If you'd like to learn more about Central Union, call (808) 941-0957 or email us at [cuc@centralunionchurch.org](mailto:cuc@centralunionchurch.org).

September 17, 2023 • 9 AM Service

Sanctuary

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Aloha Sunday

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**Gift of Music**

Mele by Lili‘uokalani  
*Aloha ‘Oe* (Farewell to You) Ezinne Dawson  
*The Queen’s Jubilee* Christopher Kelsey  
*Ke Aloha ‘Āina* (Love for the Land) Sarah Young  
*Ka Wai Māpuna* (Bubbling Spring Water) Christopher Kelsey

**Invitation to Worship**

The Rev. Mary Herbig

**Music for the Day** *Na Ke Akua ‘Oe E Kia ‘i* (God Will Take Care of You) John McCreary  
Soloist Ensemble ~ Sarah Young, director

**Sharing Aloha**

Rev. Herbig

**Prayer of Invocation** (*unison*)

**Creator God, how can we doubt you when we see your handiwork? Lush kalo rooted within the earth, hibiscus eyeing the tracks of the sun, tradewinds traveling their daily routes, rainclouds washing down the Ko‘olaus, sunsets glowing orange upon the sea, and our island world weaving another day throughout the night – how can we doubt you? Be present with us and inspire us to praise as we worship. Amen.** -From *Prayers from an Island*

**\*Entrance of the Royal Court** (*please stand in silence*)

**\*Congregational Hymn** *Fair Hawai‘i* The Rev. Dr. Albert Palmer  
Fair Hawai‘i, land of rainbows, Flashing reef and opal sea,  
Mauna Loa white with snowdrifts, Waving palms of Waikiki,  
Cloud-capped peaks of mighty Maui, Canyon temples of Kauai —  
Nature’s God in love and beauty Lifted up thy crags on high!

Fair Hawai‘i, we thy children Our aloha pledge to thee,  
Newfound brothers from all races Gathered here in unity.  
O thou God of peace and justice Help us in true love to dwell;  
Make our thoughts and deeds fraternal, Earth’s great brotherhood foretell.

**Time with Keiki**

Rev. Herbig

**Scripture Reading**

Job 12:7-10 Shaun Elston

**Sermon**

Rev. Herbig

**Music**

*Ku‘u Pua I Paoakalani* Lili‘uokalani  
(My Flower in Paoakalani)  
Emily Vidler

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer** (*unison*)

Rev. Herbig

**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. Amen.**

**Presentation of the Royal Court**

Blythe Kelsey & Rev. Herbig

**Offertory Sentences**

Peirou Elston

**Offertory**

*Ka Wai ‘Apo Lani* (Heavenly Showers) Lili‘uokalani  
Chancel Choir ~ Sarah Young, director

**\*Doxology** (*sung in Hawaiian*)

**Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau, Praise God,  
Ke Keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō, From Whom all blessings flow;  
Ke Akua mau, ho‘omaika‘i pū, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
‘Āmene. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**\*Announcements**

Rev. Herbig

**\*Departure of the Royal Court** (*please stand in silence*)

**\*Congregational Hymn** *How Great Thou Art/Ke Akua Mana E*

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder E ke Akua nani kamaha‘o,  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made, Nau no i hana ka honua nei,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Me na hoku, ka uila ka hekili  
thy power throughout the universe Ho‘ike ana i Kou mana e.  
displayed.**

*Chorus:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: *Hui:*  
how great thou art, how great thou art! E mele au I ka Ho‘ola e,  
He nani no, He nani no.  
(Repeat) (*Hana hou*)

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Herbig

**\*Congregational Response**

**Christ beside us, Christ before us, Christ behind us—king of our hearts;  
Christ within us, Christ below us, Christ above us—never to part.**

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**Postlude**

*Ceremonial Recessional* Raymond Haan

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\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.  
Margaret Lloyd, piano and organ