

O'ahu Association of the United Church of Christ
Service of Installation

The Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray
Senior Minister of Central Union Church



“Sometimes we become so focused on sustaining what we've been given and wanting to honor the traditions of the past that we miss the new thing that God might be trying to do today, something that will build on all that has come before. We miss the surprises that lie in store for us. To be channels of that playful Spirit of eternal newness, we must always be ready to let go of what is in order to receive what will be.”

—Gordon Cosby

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The image on the front of this booklet is a *koru*. The *koru* is an unfurling fern frond. It symbolizes the unfolding of new life and is a living testament to the promise of renewal and hope for the future. The *koru* reaches towards the light, striving for perfection and encouraging new and positive beginnings.

Steve Taylor, a Baptist Pastor from New Zealand, in his book
The Out of Bounds Church:
Learning to Create a Community of Faith in a Culture of Change
has this to say about the *koru*:

“In Maori culture, the indigenous culture of Aotearoa-New Zealand, new birth is a central motif and it is imaged in the *koru*, the unfurling fern. At the heart of a fern sits a tiny curled frond. With space, it unrolls. Over time, it turns from a light and timid green to a dark, rich emerald. And yet the fern cannot grow unless it has a clear path toward the sun. So the Maori burn off undergrowth in order to encourage new life. The cycles of death and decay are the compost of the new. This is *koru* theology. ...In Christian conversion, a new life unfolds as the Creator continues to birth, form and shape.” (pg. 48)

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Jesus Glenn Campbell
Oh Happy Day The Edwin Hawkins Singers
Tears of Joy In The Promise Land Leilani & Bobby Rivera,
and Wade Cambern

Worship Team ~ Mr. Wade Cambern, leader

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS...

From many places we gather here.

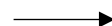
We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with The Friend—The loving Christ who meets us where we are, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *God Who Sets Us On A Journey*

**God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbor
marks the way that Christ defined.**

**Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.**

**End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack—
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.**



**When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.**

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The procession: United Church of Christ clergy, guests, and participants in the service

*** WELCOME**

Mr. Carl Schlack

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

The Rev. Mary K. Herbig

One: The heavens proclaim the glory of God,
Many: calling us to find the Good News in unexpected places.
One: We look across a threshold between darkness and light,
Many: and are surprised by unexpected glimpses of hope.
One: We see surprising opportunities to serve,
Many: to walk with Jesus into an unknown, hopeful future.
One: When God calls out "Whom shall I send?",
All: we see ourselves, surprised by the Good News.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(in unison)*

Rev. Herbig

**God of reborn people and rebuilt places
you have plans for desert and wilderness.
"Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness."
God of transformation
we look forward to what you will do
with and in our lives.
On the journey of faith,
far we have come, far we must go.**

MUSIC

Let All You Do Be Done In Love *Lorna Bright*
Windward Ministry Chancel Singers ~ Ms. Lorna Bright, director

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD...

READING

“A Step Along the Way” Dr. Nathan Wong

MUSIC

I Can Tell The World *Jester Hairston*
Ke Aloha Pau ‘Ole ~ Ms. Sarah Young, director

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:14 -21 Ms. Janice Wakamatsu

Revelation 21:1 – 5 Wp. Robinson Fredrick

MUSIC

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord *Craig Courtney*
Chancel Choir ~ Sarah Young, director

SERMON

Pastor John Pavlovitz

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

*** HYMN**

Spirit of Love

**Spirit of love, you move within creation,
drawing the threads to color and design:
life into life, you knit our true salvation,
come, work with us,
and weave us into one.**

**Though we have frayed the fabric of your making,
tearing away from all that you intend,
yet, to be whole, humanity is aching—
come, work with us,
and weave us into one.**



**Great loom of God, where history is woven,
you are the frame that holds us to the truth,
Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given—
come, work with us,
and weave us into one.**

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Ms. Lori Yamashiro

Today's offering will benefit the Scholarship Fund of the O'ahu Association, which supports those pursuing ministerial education for authorized ministry in the UCC. Please make checks payable to the O'ahu Association UCC.

OFFERTORY

*I Sohte Kak Kelepw Kohwei Ni Ei Pahn Seilok
(I Can't Go On This Journey Alone)*

Pohnpei Ministry Choir ~ Wp. Robinson Fredrick, director

*** THE DOXOLOGY** *(sung in Hawaiian)*

**Ho'onani i ka Makua mau,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō,
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū,
Ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao.
'Āmene.**

**Praise God,
From Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF INSTALLATION

GREETING

Mr. Roy Yamauchi

The O'ahu Association of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance in the race that is set before us.

People

Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Carl Schlack

Central Union Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called The Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray as pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the O'ahu Association install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative

The Rev. Kyle Lovett

(addressing the congregation)

The O'ahu Association has reviewed the request of Central Union Church. We have prayerfully examined The Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray, and we are pleased to install him as pastor and teacher.

(addressing the pastor)

Rushan, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with the local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

EXHORTATION

Ms. June Tom

(addressing the congregation)

Hear these words from the apostle Paul. We beg you, our siblings, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

(addressing the pastor)

We urge you, our sibling in Christ, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

(addressing all)

See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

COVENANT

The Rev. Abraham Han

(addressing the congregation)

Dear friends, Central Union Church has declared that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called The Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The O'ahu Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

(addressing the pastor)

Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Central Union Church has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the O'ahu Association?

Central Union Church Pastor

The Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church family faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

(addressing the congregation)

Members of Central Union Church, will those who are able, rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Members of Central Union Church

We, the members of Central Union Church receive The Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

(addressing the association members)

Members of the O'ahu Association, will those who are able, rise and affirm your covenant with Central Union Church and its pastor and teacher?

Association Members

We, the members of the O'ahu Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and pastor and teacher of Central Union Church as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

(addressing the whole gathering)

By being here, family of Pastor Rushan, members of other faith communities and other faith traditions, and members of the wider community, you bear witness to the love and esteem with which you hold The Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray and the entire Central Union Church community. Will all who are able please rise and declare your support of this covenant that you have witnessed?

Gathered Congregation

We affirm our support of The Rev. Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray and Central Union Church, United Church of Christ, and for the O’ahu Association and the United Church of Christ in the covenant they have made here before us. We pledge our loving support, our honest reflection, and our ongoing connection to Pastor Rushan and to this community of faith.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Ms. Eleanore Chong

Almighty God, you have called your servant to make promises before You. Now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant, Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on him and on the people of Central Union Church, and on all the churches of the O’ahu Association, that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage.

Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church and converting sinners to You. Grant us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with You and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

DECLARATION

Mr. Roy Yamauchi

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the O’ahu Association of the Hawai’i Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Central Union Church.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL BLESSING

*May the Mystery of God Enfold Us
(Arohanui Blessing)*

Cowley/Render

Ke Aloha Pau 'Ole ~ Ms. Sarah Young, director

May the mystery of God enfold us, may the wisdom of God uphold us,
May the fragrance of God be around us, may the brightness of God surround us,
May the wonder of God renew us, may the loving of God flow through us,
May the peace of God deeply move us, may the moving of God bring us peace.

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. David Popham

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

The Rev. Dr. George W. Scott

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*(Your gift of lei to Pastor Rushan and his family
may be presented to them at the reception.)*

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE.

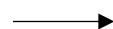
*God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary.
Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods, and communities.*

*** CLOSING HYMN**

We Are Many, We Are One

**We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole
when we honor every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**



**We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colors of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

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*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sinnaduray

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Great Day! ... the righteous marching"

African American Spiritual/arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Ms. Margaret Lloyd, organ

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service to share in fellowship and refreshments.



John Pavlovitz is a writer, pastor, activist, and storyteller from Wake Forest, North Carolina. Over the past decade his thought-provoking blog, *Stuff That Needs to Be Said*, has reached a diverse worldwide audience with over one hundred million views. His books include *A Bigger Table*, *Hope and Other Super Powers*, and *If God is Love, Don't Be A Jerk*. His latest book *Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is*

Trending has just been published by Westminster John Knox Press. He currently directs Empathetic People Network, a vibrant online community that connects people from all over the world who want to create a more compassionate planet.

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Mr. Roy Yamauchi,
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Ms. June Tom,
Member, O'ahu Association Committee on Ministry

The Rev. Abraham Han,
Member, O'ahu Association Committee on Ministry

Ms. Eleanore Chong,
Member, O'ahu Association Committee on Ministry

Ms. Lori Yamashiro,
O'ahu Association Secretary

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Pastor John Pavlovitz,
Writer, Pastor, Activist, Storyteller

The Rev. Dr. George W. Scott,
Chaplain, Punahou School

Central Union Church

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Senior Minister

The Rev. Mary K. Herbig,
Associate Minister

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Lay Minister, Pohnpei Ministry

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Director of Choirs

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Ke Aloha Pau 'Ole

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