

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



OCTOBER 13, 2024

7 AM SERVICE

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Prelude

Prelude on a Shaker Hymn Tune

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Canto

Lani Smith

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS...

From many places we gather here. This is a high point of our week. We see our friends. We make new friends. And we spend time with 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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mary Herbig

* Sharing Aloha

Rev. Herbig

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray

One: We gather as God's people in the beauty of creation.

Many: **We are ready for wonder.**

One: We gather as God's people in the joy of community.

Many: **We are ready for transformation.**

One: We gather as God's people in the presence of the Spirit.

All: **We are ready to worship!**

* Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 62

* Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)*

Rev. Herbig

Holy God, we long for your presence to dwell with us as you dwell with Christ. Fill us with wonder at the beauty of this, your community, and these, your people, created in your image; at the miracle of your Son, and at the healing of your Holy Spirit. Remind us that wonder calls us to share in all your good gifts. Amen.

Music for the Day

Adagio

Albinoni

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Genesis 1:26 – 31

Liz Hueu

Sermon

A SENSE OF AWE

Rev. Sinnaduray

*** Hymn**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 52

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Rev. Herbig

The Lord's Prayer (*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. Amen.

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.*

*** Hymn**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

**God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and valleys low,
the farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beauty show.
God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spreading plains,
in rainbow hues— reds, yellows, blues— of streams and country lanes.**

**God reigns o'er human life! Through youth and aging years,
in death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
God reigns o'er human life! Our inspiration still.
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reigning will.**

**God reigns o'er time and space! In history's bygone days,
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke to bring God earnest praise.
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er galaxy and sun,
through timeless years the cosmos hears the heavenly music run.**

**God reigns! Emmanuel! God with us every day,
in all our past and to the last, our comfort and our stay.
God reigns! Emmanuel! Let praise to Christ be sung!
God's presence here makes all things dear. Let joyful bells be rung!**

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*** Benediction**

Rev. Sinnaduray

*** 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.**

Postlude

Allegretto Cantabile

Flor Peeters

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Constance Uejio, organ

*The flowers this morning were lovingly arranged by
Dona Hanaike, with assistance from Shirley Tom,
and were given by Christopher Kelsey in loving memory of his late 'honey',
Auntie Debbie Kelsey, in honor of her October 21st birthday.*

LEARNING TREE PRESENTATIONS

TODAY at 10 AM: Join Matthew Bernstein for a Learning Tree presentation on “**An Introduction to Meditation**” in the **Women’s Building**. All are welcome.



Sunday, October 27, 10 AM: Join Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray for a Learning Tree presentation, “**Vision 2035 – Discerning our Calling**” in the **Women’s Building**. All are welcome.

2024 AUTUMN STUDY: “THE QUESTIONING CHRIST”

THE QUESTIONING CHRIST

4-SESSION
**SMALL GROUP
STUDY**

MONDAYS 10/14 – 11/4
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

TUESDAYS 10/15 – 11/5
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Where is your faith?
(Luke 8:25)

What do you want?
(John 1:38)

Who touched me?
(Luke 8:45)

What is your name?
(Luke 8:30)

Why are you sleeping?
(Luke 22:45)

Do you have anything here to eat?
(Luke 24:41)

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**FAITH
FORMATION
OPPORTUNITY**

Contrary to our assumptions, Jesus isn’t the ultimate “Answer Man” but more like the Great Questioner. In fact, for every question Jesus answers in the Gospels, he asks nearly one hundred! Asking questions was central to Jesus’ teachings and faith.

Join Pastor Mary for a **morning or evening study in the Rewick Boardroom** as we explore some of the questions Jesus asked and discover how our questions and curiosity draw us closer to God.

The **Monday Morning Study** meets from **10:30 AM to 12:00 PM** on **October 14, 21, 28, and November 4**. The **Tuesday Evening Study** meets from **6:00 to 7:30 PM** on **October 15, 22, 29, and November 5**.

SERVICE OF HEALING & PRAYER: THIRD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH

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Come and discover a place of healing for your soul rooted in the traditions of the Scottish island of Iona where Celtic Christianity flourishes. The service, from **5:30 to 6:30 PM** in the **Atherton Memorial Chapel** on the **third Sunday of the month**, will include music from the Taizé community, prayer, silence, and the ritual of the laying on of hands. (**October 20, November 17**)

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

If you would like to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or other occasion with flowers at a Sunday worship service, please contact Dona Hanaike, through Natasha at 440-3004 (flowers@centralunionchurch.org), or visit Dona on Sunday mornings before or after the 9 AM service.



THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT!

November 1-3, 2024, at Camp Mokule'ia
For more info and registration, go online:
bit.ly/cuc2024womensretreat.

JAZZ VESPERS: FIRST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH



Join us in the Atherton Memorial Chapel from **5:30 to 6:30 PM** on the **first Sunday of the month**, as we bring together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration for a service of prayer, meditation, silence and music. (**November 3, December 1**)

CUPS 96TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY



Central Union Preschool celebrates its 96th birthday on **Wednesday, October 16**. Since CUPS opened in 1928 with its first class of 14 children, it has continued to grow and develop as one of the premier Christian-based early childhood programs in Honolulu. CUPS provides a vibrant program that promotes the spiritual, cognitive, socio-emotional and physical growth of children in a nurturing environment that provides a solid foundation for early learning. We celebrate this important part of our church 'ohana this week. Instead of celebrating this important event in our Sunday morning worship, we will be joining CUPS keiki, faculty, staff, and families to celebrate with them at their chapel service on **Wednesday** morning at **8:30 AM** in Atherton Memorial Chapel. Members of Central Union Church are invited to join the CUPS 'ohana to celebrate their birthday. All are welcome!

YOUNG(ISH) ADULT MINISTRY (GENERATIONS X, Y, AND Z) EVENTS



We hope that our young(ish) adults will join us **today at 10 AM** for our Brunch Bunch breakfast in Rooms 201/202.

Keiki are welcome!

Also, save the date for our Young(ish) Adult Halloween Party on **October 19 from 4-7 PM**. Childcare will be offered. Check out the CU Weekly for more information! RSVP to: bit.ly/youngish101924.



TODAY IS PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY! OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH! We give thanks for our pastors, their ministry and the ways they share God's love with us. Let's make sure our pastors feel encouraged and appreciated not just today, this month, but always. Mahalo, Pastor Rushan and Pastor Mary!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CENTRAL UNION CHURCH



Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. **Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!**

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please speak to one of the Ministers or contact the Church Office.

Large Print Bulletins: Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available; please let an usher know if you need one.

Nursery: A staffed Nursery is available during the **9 AM and 11 AM services**. Children, ages Birth through three years, may be left in the nursery where they will be cared for during the service.

Sunday School: We offer a Sunday School program for children, age 3 through 5th Grade, during the **9 AM and 11 AM services**. Children participate in the first part of the service and will leave for Sunday School following the Time for Keiki.

Youth Group: We offer a Youth Group for young people in grades 6 through 12 during the **11 AM service**. Youth participate in the first part of the service and leave for Youth Group following the Time for Keiki.

Please note: By attending events on campus, you may be included in photos and videos recorded by church representatives. Your presence grants your permission to be in these photos or videos, which may be used for communications or archival purposes.

If you do not wish to be photographed or included in communications, you may let a church representative know. Mahalo!

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