

# CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



OCTOBER 27, 2024

7 AM SERVICE

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

## Prelude

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

Henry A. Cesar Malan

## 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. Rushan Sinnaduray

### \* Sharing Aloha

Rev. Sinnaduray

### Call to Worship *(responsively)*

The Rev. Mary Herbig

One: Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts to God.

**Many: We welcome love.**

One: Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we open this space for belonging.

**Many: We welcome invitation.**

One: Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we open our minds to mystery.

**Many: We welcome creativity.**

One: Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we prepare a table of life and blessing.

**Many: We welcome fellowship.**

**Because God welcomes all,  
We are all welcome here.**

### \* Opening Hymn *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

**O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.**

**Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
we bear Christ's own impression, the sign of second birth:  
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,  
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.**

**Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,  
There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin  
and, all their ramparts breaking with you the victory win.**

**This is the moment glorious when Christ who once was dead  
shall lead the church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Sovereign of creation a new dominion brings,  
the final consummation, the glory of all things.**

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**\* Prayer of Invocation** (*in unison*)

Rev. Sinnaduray

**Loving God, we gather in a spirit of welcome and belonging. We  
recognize that these are sacred gifts that we both share and receive. May  
our hospitality be our testimony. Grant us the generosity of spirit to  
make your love manifest in this broken and beloved world. Amen.**

**Music for the Day**

*It is Well with My Soul*

Philip P. Bliss

**TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...**

**Scripture**

1 Corinthians 12:12 – 27

Ron Mesiona

**Sermon**

IMAGINE TOGETHER:  
COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING

Rev. Sinnaduray

**\* 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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## **Moment for Stewardship**

Rev. Sinnaduray

### **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 Chapel.  
Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes,  
neighborhoods, and communities.*

### **\* Hymn**

*To Us All, to Every Nation*

**To us all, to every nation comes a moment to decide,  
in the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side,  
some great cause, some modern prophet offering each the bloom or blight,  
and the choice goes by for ever 'twixt that darkness and that light.**

**Then to side with truth is noble when we share its wretched crust,  
ere the cause bring fame and profit and 'tis prosperous to be just.  
Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside  
till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.**

**By the light of burning martyrs, Jesus' bleeding feet we track,  
toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back;  
new occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth;  
they must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth.**

**Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong,  
though its portion be the scaffold and upon the throne be wrong.  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,  
there stands God within the shadow, keeping watch beside God's own.**

**\* 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**

*Forever (with A Mighty Fortress is Our God)*

Chris Tomlin & *Ein' Feste Burg*

arr. by Jack Schrader

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

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Marlene Patton, piano

*The flowers this morning were lovingly arranged by  
Jean Yokoyama, and are provided by Veronica Cheung  
in thanksgiving for all the blessings from the Lord.*

~ REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS ~

Please hold in prayer the family and friends of **Arlene Koegler**, who died on  
October 13, 2024. Services are scheduled for **today, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**in Atherton Memorial Chapel at 3 PM.**

## COME, LET US IMAGINE TOGETHER!



**TODAY, October 27, 2024, is Stewardship Sunday.** We will receive our Estimate of Giving Cards for the year ahead. Our theme this year has been **Imagine Together**. And we have begun the exciting work of dreaming and thinking about the future of this vibrant faith community here in Honolulu. Following our 9 AM service, all are invited to gather in the Women's Building for a **Special Learning Tree** facilitated by Pastor Rushan as we continue to **IMAGINE TOGETHER** the ways in

which we can strengthen and grow our faith and our mission and ministry as we journey into the future. We are sure that you have many dreams, hopes and ideas for our church. Come to the Learning Tree and share them.

## 2024 AUTUMN STUDY: "THE QUESTIONING CHRIST"



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 28, and November 4**. The **Tuesday Evening Study** meets from **6:00 to 7:30 PM** on **October 29, and November 5**.

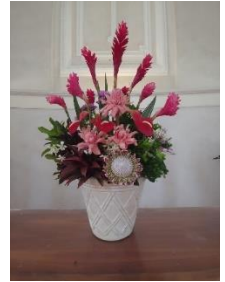
## JAZZ VESPERS: FIRST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH



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**)

## 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](mailto:flowers@centralunionchurch.org)), or visit Dona on Sunday mornings before or after the 9 AM service.



## SERVICE OF HEALING & PRAYER: THIRD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH



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. (**Next service: November 17**)

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

Did you know we have a thriving youngish adult ministry here at CUC? We gather monthly for breakfast and fellowship. We also have a special monthly event. For more information email [youngish@centralunionchurch.org](mailto:youngish@centralunionchurch.org). We'd love to connect with you!



## READERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP!

If you are interested in reading in a worship service, please join our pool of readers! We are always in need. To learn more and/or to sign up, use this QR code or type this link into your browser: [bit.ly/read4cuc](http://bit.ly/read4cuc).



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OUR MINISTERS:

The Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray, Senior Minister  
The Rev. Mary Herbig, Associate Minister

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

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