



## **CENTRAL UNION CHURCH**

January 12, 2025 † 11 AM Service

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Parish Hall

Welcome to Central Union Church, where we believe that God dwells in you and in each person here today. When we see you, we see God's image, and we are honored and dignified by your presence. Thank you for coming.

**“We Engage and Embrace ALL as we seek to Embody Christ!”**



## 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.*

**Gathering Music**

*Jesus, What A Beautiful Name*

Worship Team

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

### \* Sharing Aloha

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

One: Our God is a God of power and strength!

**Many: God has created each of us with tender care.**

One: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

**Many: God walks with each of us every step of the way.**

One: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

**Many: God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.**

One: Our God calls us each by name.

**All: God calls each of us to unite in worship together!**

### \* Music

*Wade in the Water*

Worship Team

*Chorus*

**Wade in the water, wade in the water**

**Children wade, in the water, God's gonna trouble the water**

**Who's that young girl dressed in red**

**Wade in the water**

**Must be the children that Moses led**

**God's gonna trouble the water**

**Who's that young girl dressed in white**

**Wade in the water**

**Must be the children of the Israelite**

**God's gonna trouble the water**

**Who's that young girl dressed in blue**

**Wade in the water**

**Must be the children that's coming through,**

**God's gonna trouble the water**

**You don't believe I've been redeemed,**

**Wade in the water**

**Just so the whole lake goes looking for me**

**God's gonna trouble the water** (*Chorus*)

Written by Willie Mae Thornton

**\* Music**

*Here I Am, Lord*

Worship Team

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus:*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, If you You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)**

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**Prayer**

**Time for Keiki**

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

**Scripture**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Sermon**

GOD'S BELOVED

Pastor Rushan

**\* Music**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Worship Team

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above**

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

### Time of Reflection

### Prayers for Ourselves and Others

#### 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.**

#### Invitation to Offering

Pili Lee Loy

#### Offering

*Down to the River to Pray*

Worship Team

#### Prayer

Pili Lee Loy

## 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.*

#### \* Music

*All My Fountains*

Worship Team

**This dry and desert land I tell myself keep walking on  
Hear something up ahead Water falling like a song  
An everlasting stream Your river carries me home  
Let it flow, let it flow**

**A flood for my soul A well that never will run dry  
I've rambled on my own Never believing I would find  
An everlasting stream Your river carries me home  
Let it flow, let it flow**

#### *Chorus*

**Open the heavens, Come living water,  
All my fountains are in You  
You're strong like a river, Your love is running through  
All my fountains are in You**



*Bridge*

**Come on and rain down on us  
Rain down on us Lord**

*Ending*

**All my fountains are in You  
All my fountains are in You**

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**\* Closing Prayer** (*in unison*)

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can  
ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and  
in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.**

*(Adapted from Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Rushan

**\* Congregational Response**

Worship Team

**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.**

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

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

*The flowers this morning were lovingly arranged by  
Becky Woodland, and have been 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.*

**SERVICE OF HEALING & PRAYER: RESUMES JANUARY 19, 2025**

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.

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## HELP WITH YOUTH PUNAHOU PARKING FUNDRAISER



The Youth are looking for volunteers to help with their Punahou Parking fundraiser on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. They need people to help set-up, take money, direct cars, drop off food, and tear down. Money raised will go toward special youth events, trips, and for the youth to donate to community organizations and causes. To volunteer or for more information contact the Youth Director, Melissa, at [melissa-thach@centralunionchurch.org](mailto:melissa-thach@centralunionchurch.org).

## STEWARDSHIP 2025 • Imagine Together



Please prayerfully consider your giving to Central Union Church for the upcoming year as we continue to "Imagine Together"! You may visit our website [centralunionchurch.org/stewardship](http://centralunionchurch.org/stewardship) or use this QR code to learn more about stewardship and submit your Estimate of Giving Card online.



## 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.



## JAZZ VESPERS: RESUMES FEBRUARY 2, 2025



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.

## 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!



# 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.

**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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