

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



JANUARY 12, 2025

7 AM SERVICE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Prelude

There is a Fountain

Early American Melody,
arr. Mark Hayes

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)*

Rev. Sinnaduray

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!

* Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

No. 136

* Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)*

The Rev. Mary Herbig

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. Amen.

Music for the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Rowland H. Prichard,
arr. Joel Raney

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gale Young

Sermon

GOD'S BELOVED

Rev. Sinnaduray

*** Hymn**

Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother, you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father, you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.**

**Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.**

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**

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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** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 634

* **Closing Prayer** *(in unison)* Rev. Sinnaduray

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** 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 *They'll Know we are Christians by Our Love* Peter Scholtes,
arr. Mark Hayes

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
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

**SERVICE of
HEALING &
PRAYER** 

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.

HELP WITH YOUTH PUNAHOU PARKING FUNDRAISER



The Youth are looking for volunteers to help with their **Punahou Parking fundraiser on Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th**. 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 at melissathach@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 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), 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. 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.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Women's League of Central Union Church is accepting applications for two (2) college scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year: [Kenneth O. and Doris A. Rewick Educational Aid Fund](#) and the [Ruth C. Scudder Scholarship](#). Applications will be accepted through the [ScholarsApp online platform](#) only. Learn more at centralunionchurch.org/scholarships or email cucwlscholarship@gmail.com. Deadline for applications: February 28, 2025.



SAVE YOUR STAMPS



Carol Miura's stamp project continues! New or used U.S. and foreign stamps are used by the handicapped individuals in sheltered workshops. Every undamaged stamp, postcard or stamped envelope has potential value to the individuals in this program. Please leave your contributions at the *Church Office Reception Desk* marked "Attention: **Carol Miura.**" Thank 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.

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.

OUR MINISTERS:

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

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