

# CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



JANUARY 12, 2025

9 AM SERVICE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SANCTUARY



## Gift of Music

Piano Students of Dr. Wendy Yamashita

### Selections from the “*Carnival of the Animals*” by Camille Saint-Saëns

I. *Introduction and Royal March of the Lion*

VII. *Aquarium*

XII. *Fossils*

XIII. *The Swan*

XIV. *Finale*

Performed by **Sophie Chan** and **Justin Chan**

## 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. 115

## \* 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** *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Scot Crandal  
Ke Aloha Pau 'Ole ~ Sarah Young, director

**Baptism** *~ Brooks Kekani Kim ~* Rev. Herbig  
Son of Danielle and River Kim

**Time for Keiki** Rev. Herbig

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

**Scripture** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Ruth Ann Cullen

**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.

## Invitation to the Offering

Jane Fyrberg

## Offertory

*Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering*  
Ke Aloha Pau 'Ole ~ Sarah Young, director

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

## \* Doxology (*sung in Hawaiian*)

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau,	Praise God,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō,	From Whom all blessings flow;
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū,	Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao.	Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
'Āmene.	Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
	Amen.

## \* Prayer of Dedication

Jane Fyrberg

## 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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

No. 93

## \* 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.**

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

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Dr. Wendy Yamashita, 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 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 at [melissathach@centralunionchurch.org](mailto: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](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!



## 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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