



BEACONS OF GRACE:

LIGHTING
THE WAY
TOGETHER

TODAY'S SERMON:

Shining
Forward:
Living Our Faith
in the World

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

February 1, 2026 † 11 AM Service

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

I Can See Clearly Now

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

* Sharing Aloha

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Joshua Eikenberg

One: You are the light of the world!

Many: **We shine with the love of Christ.**

One: A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Many: **We will not hide the grace we have received.**

One: Let your light shine before others.

Many: **We worship the One who sends us to shine forward.**

* Music

Way Maker

Worship Team

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, yeah, I worship You Lord.

Tag

That is who You are. That is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are.

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working.

Even when I don't feel it, You're working.

You never stop, You never stop working.

You never stop, You never stop working.

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* Music

God of Wonders

Worship Team

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky;

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.**

Bridge

**Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.**

Chorus 2

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy, holy.**

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Time for Keiki & Prayer

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD...

Scripture	Matthew 5:14–16	Will Whitmore
Sermon	SHINING FORWARD: LIVING OUR FAITH IN THE WORLD	Pastor Rushan
Music for Reflection	<i>Here's My Heart, Lord</i>	Worship Team

Chorus 1

**Here's my heart, Lord. Here's my heart, Lord.
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.**

**‘Cause I am found, I am Yours. I am loved, I'm made pure.
I have life, I can breathe. I am healed, I am free. (*Chorus*)**

**‘Cause You are strong, You are sure. You are life. You endure.
You are good, always true. You are light breaking through. (*Chorus*)**

Chorus 2

**Here's my life, Lord. Here's my life, Lord.
Here's my life, Lord. Speak what is true.**

Bridge

**You are more than enough. You are here. You are love.
You are hope, You are grace. You're all I have. You're everything.**

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH....

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Pastor Rushan

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

Offering

Out of the Darkness

Worship Team

To give online to support our mission and ministry, scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera OR type bit.ly/give2cuc into your web browser and select "General Fund" from the drop-down menu.



Prayer

Holy Communion

*We practice open communion here at Central Union Church, which means that **all** are welcome to gather at Christ's table and to share in this meal – a symbol of our connectedness to each other, to all of creation, and to God. In addition to regular bread, there will also be a gluten-free option available – please indicate to those serving if you require gluten-free bread.*

Communion Song

*Let Us Break Bread Together***

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

We give thanks that we have gathered together in this sacred place, and been refreshed at this table. We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here. We are grateful for who we are for each other. May we go forth into the world in courage and peace to share the unfailing love that we have experienced in this meal. 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.*

* Music

I Will Go

Worship Team

**Standing in the place where doubt and faith collide.
Staring in the face of fear that has to die.
When You call my name, there's only one reply.
No, I won't wait, I'll give You my whole life.**

Chorus

**I will go where You send me.
To the ends of the earth, just say the word and I'll go.
I will go where You lead me.
I'll follow Your heart, wherever You are, I'll go.**

**I've packed my bags and now I'm headed out.
No, I won't look back until the lost are found.
'Cause I've been losing sleep over the least of these,
and I'll find Your riches among poverty.**

**In Your name, the blind will see,
the lame will walk, the bound are free.
In Your name, the darkness hides,
the mountains move, the dead will rise in Your name!**

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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. Amen. *(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.*

*Today's flowers have been lovingly arranged by **Dona Hanaike**, with assistance from **Shirley Tom**, 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.*

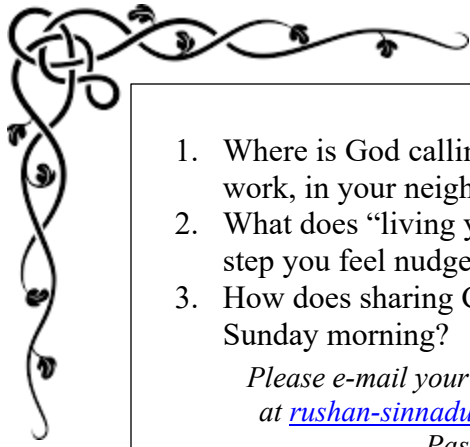
CUC MUSIC TO REFLECT BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY

February is Black History month. In celebration, titles marked with a double asterisk (**) identify selections honoring the legacy, challenges and rich cultural history of Black and African American individuals and their significant contributions to black history as expressed through the musical arts.

JAZZ VESPERS RESUMES TONIGHT



Join us in the Atherton Memorial Chapel from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, tonight, February 1, 2026, as we bring together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration for a service of prayer, meditation, silence and music. (February 1, March 1, May 3)



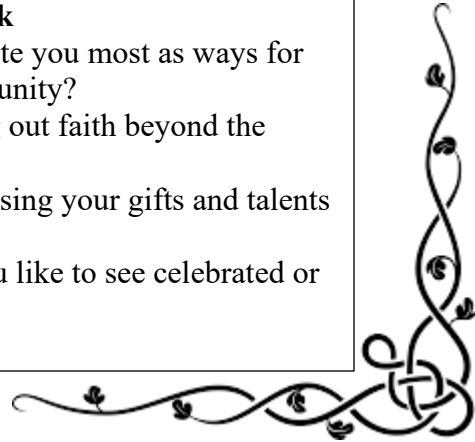
Reflection Questions

1. Where is God calling you to shine your light this week—at home, at work, in your neighborhood?
2. What does “living your faith” look like in your daily life? Is there a step you feel nudged to take?
3. How does sharing Communion inspire you to live your faith beyond Sunday morning?

Please e-mail your responses to these questions to Pastor Rushan at rushan-sinnaduray@centralunionchurch.org or mail them to Pastor Rushan at the church office.

Questions for Feedback

1. What outreach or service opportunities excite you most as ways for our church to “shine forward” in our community?
2. Are there barriers that keep you from living out faith beyond the church walls? How can we address them?
3. How can our church better support you in using your gifts and talents to make a difference in the world?
4. What stories of “living out faith” would you like to see celebrated or shared in our congregation?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER



The CUC Youth's annual Punahou Carnival parking fundraiser is happening on **February 6th & 7th**! Volunteers are needed throughout the day and evening to assist with parking. Help is also needed to pick up and drop off food for volunteers.

This year, 50% of proceeds will go toward the maintenance of the Great Lawn; the other 50% will go to fund youth experiences and enable us to donate to community organizations like Hawaii Foodbank and more.

If you're available and would like to support our youth, come help and enjoy some fellowship while you're at it!

If you have any questions about volunteering or if you are able to help on Friday or Saturday, please email our Youth Director at melissa-thach@centralunionchurch.org.

MESSY CHURCH – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Looking for a place where faith meets fun and creativity knows no bounds? Come to **Messy Church on Wednesday, February 11th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall!** From keiki to kūpuna, Messy Church is a space for everyone to explore God's love in engaging and hands-on ways. From arts and crafts to story time, music, and food, there's something for everyone. No matter who you are, no matter how old you are or where you are on your journey of life and faith, you're welcome to come, share, and grow with us at Messy Church! February's theme is LOVE. Dinner will be served so please help us by RSVPing! **RSVP at bit.ly/messy21126.**



CUC DIGITAL ARCHIVES

Do you enjoy history? At over a century old, our church has lots of it! Thanks to historians over the years, we have much archived that tells the story of our church. Since 2021, Karl Hedberg, current CUC Historian, has been digitizing the archives and you can view our ever-changing digital archive online at: <https://centralunionchurch.catalogaccess.com/>.



Take some time to browse and learn about Central Union Church.

To learn more about the Digital Archives or schedule an in-person visit to the History Room, contact our Historian at (808) 741-3066 or historian@centralunionchurch.org.

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/readcuc.



HELP WITH SERVING ALOHA FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Do you want to help serve the community? The **Serving Aloha** weekly food distribution can always use volunteers! There is a wide range of tasks that cover a range of physical abilities (bagging food, distributing to guests, registering guests for walk-in and drive-through distribution, and clean-up).

Volunteers should **check in between 9-10 AM** at the registration desk in the Women's Building. Wear close-toed shoes. Sunscreen and bottled water are also recommended. The distribution finishes at 1 PM, although "work shift" times are flexible.

Questions? Contact Martha Balkin at mecbalkin@gmail.com. Groups are encouraged to schedule their visit.

JOIN THE GARDEN CLUB

If you like digging in the dirt and have a bit of a green thumb, please consider joining the **Garden Club**. We meet at the steps of the Sanctuary every **Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**. We have some gardening tools to use, but feel free to bring your own. Don't need to RSVP, just show up that day. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Troy Tomita – troy-tomita@centralunionchurch.org.



JOIN THE THRIFT SHOP CREW



Our Thrift Shop ministry is short-handed and in need of a few volunteers. **The Thrift Shop is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 AM to 3 PM**. Teens thru Seniors, whether you can come for an hour or a whole day, we'd love to have you join us in this vital ministry! For more information, please contact Joanne at (808) 282-2729.

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. Let us know you visited today by completing this brief form here: bit.ly/cucguest, or by using this QR code, so that we can reach out to you and welcome you to our community.



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. This week, the Youth will meet **between Noon and 1:30 PM** in the Youth Center.

Young(ish) Adults: We have a Young(ish) Adult ministry here at CUC for Generations X, Y, Z. We gather monthly and would love to connect with you! For more information, please email youngish@centralunionchurch.org.

OUR MINISTER:

The Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray, Senior Minister

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