

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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

BEACONS OF GRACE: LIGHTING THE WAY TOGETHER

TODAY'S SERMON:

Shining
Forward:
**Living Our Faith
in the World**



FEBRUARY 1, 2026
7 AM SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Harp Prelude*Forget Not the Angels*

arr. Kim Robertson

Come and Find the Quiet Center arr. Vicki Collinsworth**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****Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

Scott Ballentyne

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.

*** Opening Hymn***Morning Has Broken*

No. 362

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

Scott Ballentyne

God of Light, You have called us to be lamps of hope in a shadowed world. As we worship, renew our hearts and strengthen our witness.

May Your Spirit guide us to live boldly and shine brightly, so that all may see Your goodness and give You glory. Amen.

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

Matthew 5:14–16

Scott Ballentyne

Music for the Day*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

arr. Vicki Collinsworth

SermonSHINING FORWARD:
LIVING OUR FAITH IN THE WORLD

Rev. Sinnaduray

* **Hymn for Reflection** *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder***

We are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
we are climbing Jacob's ladder, bearers of the cross.

Every round goes higher, higher, every round goes higher, higher,
every round goes higher, higher, bearers of the cross.

Rise, shine, give God glory, rise, shine, give God glory,
rise, shine, give God glory, bearers of the cross.

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Rev. Sinnaduray

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.

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. If you have questions about the ingredients of our gluten-free bread, please ask us!

Communion Harp Music

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.*

* Hymn

I Am the Light of the World

Refrain:

“I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!”

If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

**When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the sages and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: (Refrain)**

**To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below, the sky above! (Refrain)**

**To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see all God’s children everywhere! (Refrain)**

**To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at a baby’s new birth,
To make music in an old person’s heart,
and sing to the colors of the earth! (Refrain)**

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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

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

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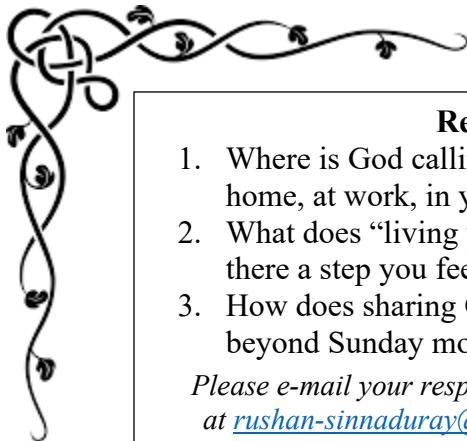
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Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Constance Ueijo, harp and organ

*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.*



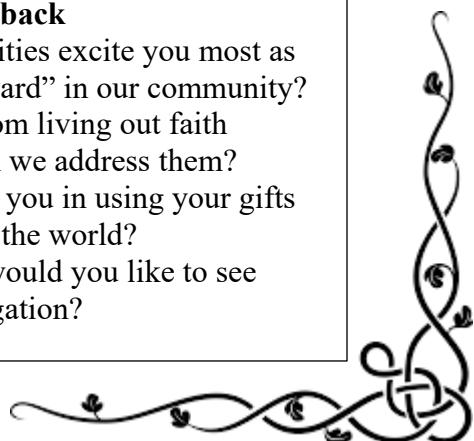
Reflection Questions

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?



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**)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER



The CUC Youth's annual Punahoa 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.**



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.



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 (808) 440-3004 (flowers@centralunionchurch.org)**, or visit Dona on Sunday mornings before or after the 9:00 AM service.

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.



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.



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 **9:00 AM and 11:00 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 **9:00 AM and 11:00 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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