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CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

April 5, 2026 ☩ 11 AM Service

Easter Day

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

One Love

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

*** Sharing Aloha**

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

Jay Jurick

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

Many: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

Many: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

One: The good news is dancing!

Many: The good news is on the loose!

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Many: Even death has lost its sting.

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*** Music**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Worship Team

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia;

Sons of men and angels say, alleluia.

Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia;

Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia.

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia;

Where, oh death, is now thy sting, alleluia.

Dying once He all doth save, alleluia;

Where thy victory oh grave, alleluia.

Chorus

He is not dead, He is alive;

We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia;

Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia.

Death, in vain, forbids Him rise, alleluia;

Christ has opened paradise, alleluia. (Chorus)

**Soar we now where Christ had led, alleluia;
Foll'wing our exalted Head, alleluia.
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia. (Chorus)**

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*** Music**

Redeemer

Worship Team

**Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning?
And who told the ocean, "You can only come this far?"
And who showed the moon where to hide 'til evening?
Whose words alone can catch a falling star?**

Chorus

**Well, I know my Redeemer lives. I know my Redeemer lives.
All of creation testifies, this life within me cries.
I know my Redeemer lives.**

**The very same God that spins things in orbit,
He runs to the weary, the worn and the weak.
And the same gentle hands that hold me when I'm broken,
They conquered death to bring me victory.**

Bridge

**He lives to take away my shame
And He lives forever, I'll proclaim
That the payment for my sin was the precious life He gave.
But now He's alive and there's an empty grave.**

Chorus 2

**And I know my Redeemer lives. I know my Redeemer lives.
Let all creation testify, let this life within me cry, I know my Redeemer,**

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Time for Keiki

Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Andrew Yun

Sermon

THE GOOD NEWS...
IS ALIVE IN THE WORLD

Pastor Rushan

*** Music for Reflection**

Your Love Is Extravagant

Worship Team

**Your love is extravagant
Your friendship is intimate
I find I'm moving to the rhythms of Your grace
Your fragrance is intoxicating, In our secret place
Your love is extravagant**

Chorus

**Spread wide in the arms of Christ
Is the love that covers sin
No greater love have I ever known
You considered me a friend
Capture my heart again**

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Time of Reflection

Pastor Rushan

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

Offering

God of Wonders

Worship Team

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Prayer

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**

Forever

Worship Team

**Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever**

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise, sing praise

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever (*Pre-Chorus x2*)**

Chorus

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, forever**

**From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
(*Pre-Chorus x2*) (*Chorus*)**

His love endures forever, His love endures forever (*Pre-Chorus x4*) (*Chorus*)

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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**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

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

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Special Note: The Flower dedication on March 29th, Palm Sunday was incorrect. It should have read: *The Palm Sunday flowers were arranged by floral designer, **Debbi Barrett** in memory of **Venus G. & Walter W.H. Holt, Sr., and Jeter P. Battley Jr.:** parents and husband of **Lamela Holt Battley.***

If you donated flowers, you are welcome to take one after the service.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 6th for the Easter Monday holiday.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



12-8

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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

Next Sunday, April 12, 2026, (the Sunday after Easter Day) at all three services, we will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday, also known as Bright Sunday. The custom of Holy Humor Sunday is rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it. In our worship service that Sunday, we will share jokes, we will sing funny hymns and we will laugh. On that Sunday, we want to encourage you to wear your brightest clothes and your funniest hats to

church, bring your favorite (appropriate) jokes to share and you are also welcome to play practical jokes on the Minister!

JAZZ VESPERS RESUMES MAY 3RD



Join us in the Atherton Memorial Chapel from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on May 3, 2026, as we bring together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration for a service of prayer, meditation, silence and music. (There will be no Jazz Vespers this evening.)

SERVICE OF HEALING & PRAYER: APRIL 19TH

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.

WE'RE HERE EVERY SUNDAY! JOIN US!

7:00 AM – Atherton Memorial Chapel - Traditional

8:45 AM – Sanctuary – Gift of Music

9:00 AM – Sanctuary - Traditional

9:00 AM – Live Streamed

(go to youtube.com/@centralunionchurchhawaii)

10:00 AM – Windward - Traditional

11:00 AM – Parish Hall - Contemporary

11:00 AM – Atherton Memorial Chapel - Pohnpeian Service
(except the first Sunday of the month)



2026 Easter Flower Donations and Dedications

Given In Memory of...

Dad Moses, Brother Errol

by Aczon-Ho Family: Naty, Evie, George, Natalie

Miguel's parents & sister, Carol's parents

by Miguel & Carol Asuncion

Bill Coombs, John and Kitty Coombs

by Martha Balkin

Abbie K. Chang

by Abbie Chang's Grandchildren

Herb Cullen

by Ruth Ann Cullen

Richard & Dorothy Dunkle, Aunt Stella Takako

by Joe & Yukiko Dunkle

Debbie Deacon

by The Eikenberg Family

**Parents: Ed & Lou Powers; Frank & Elodee Failla and
nieces Emily & Lauren Failla**

by Sam & Peggy Failla

My husband Manny K. Fernandez

by BettyJean Fernandez

My beloved wife Linda Fox

by Talbert Fox

Philip Young

by Jennifer Howe

**Andy Bolosan, Richard Alan Braley, Peggy Daniel,
Venus Gay Holt**

by Linda Katsuki

Karen Kiyabu, Robin Kiyabu

by Tom Kiyabu

**Douglas Lee, Hope Lee, Dorothy & John Craven,
Taps & Newt Pratt, John Stepulis, Kit Smith**

by Darlene & Kerry Krenzke

Harry Lane

by Jackie Lane

**Marion & Samuel Lee Loy, Marylyn Lee Loy, Wilmer
McGregor, Gwendolyn McGregor, Gregory Lee**

by Piliialoha Lee Loy

Logan Snow & Grandma Cresing

by Lui-Yuen Family

Basilio & Violet Mesiona, Ted & Barbara Miyasato

by Ron Mesiona & Glen Miyasato

Susan Hirano

by Joan Murata

Given In Memory of... (continued)

**Robert Miyamoto, Dorothy Miyamoto, Robert Osborn,
Lois Osborn, Craig Miyamoto, Diana Miyamoto**

by Larry & Dayle Osborn

Dr. & Mrs. Sugao Ouchi

by Carol Ouchi

Our loved ones in Heaven

by Kathy-Lyn (Allen) Pacheco and 'ohana in NM

William Russell Perkins

by Woomi Kayoko Perkins

Bevolyn Oliver

by Merle Stetser

Our Dad, Harry K. Young; our Popo, Esther Tom

by Blake & Valerie Tanaka

My husband, Frank Tom; My father, George Kawatani

by Shirley Tom

My husband, Don

by Donna Ulbricht

Douglas S. Yasuda, Dr. Patsy M. Izumo

by Janice Yasuda

Given In Honor of...

Rosemary Eberhardt *by Keiko Denbeau*

**Our thankfulness for God's blessings and
faithfulness in our lives** *by Evelyn Hao*

Carol & Miguel Asuncion, Suzanne Espenett Case
by Linda Katsuki

**Our Grandchildren: Anuheha & Joshua Parker,
Shea & Zoe Len** *by Kenneth & Georgia Len*

Our loved ones here on Earth

by Kathy-Lyn (Allen) Pacheco and 'ohana

Pastor Rushan and Family *by Richard & Regina Shimomura*

Laura & John Steelquist *by Mrs. Elaine D. Stroka*

Our Mom, Betty C.L. Young *by Blake & Valerie Tanaka*

Rev. Mary Herbig *by Pauli Tashima*

My mother, Yukiko Kawatani *by Shirley Tom*

7 AM Worship at AMC *by Janice Yasuda*

Given to the Glory of Easter by:

Lamela Battle

Joan O'Mara

Veronica Cheung

Margaret Park

The Eikenberg Family

Richard & Regina Shimomura

Dona Hanaike

John & Laura Steelquist

Evelyn Hao

Fanny Yeung

Randy & Sun Ok Konno

Nathan Wong

Kaoru Nambu

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 we'll meet at **9 AM** to "hide" the eggs for the keiki. There will be no activity that afternoon to give everyone a chance to spend time with family.

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 Ministers are Every One of Our Members!

Senior Minister, The Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray

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