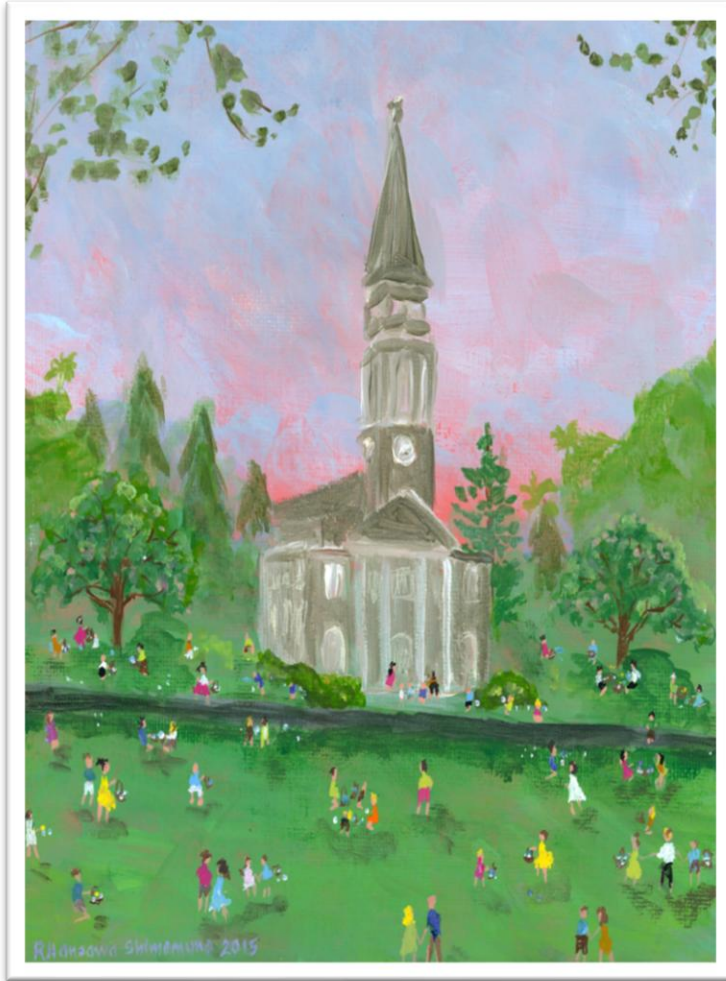


# CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

## A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



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# APRIL 5, 2026

## 7 AM SERVICE

## EASTER DAY

### ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

**Piano Prelude**

*Morning Has Broken*

arr. Joel Raney

*Sunshine and Joy Medley*

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**

**\* Call To Worship** *(responsively)*

Ron Mesiona

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.

**\* Opening Hymn**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!**

**Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**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!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

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

Ron Mesiona

**Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen.**

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

**Scripture**

Matthew 28:1-10

Ron Mesiona

**Piano Music for Easter**

*The Love of God*

arr. Mark Hayes

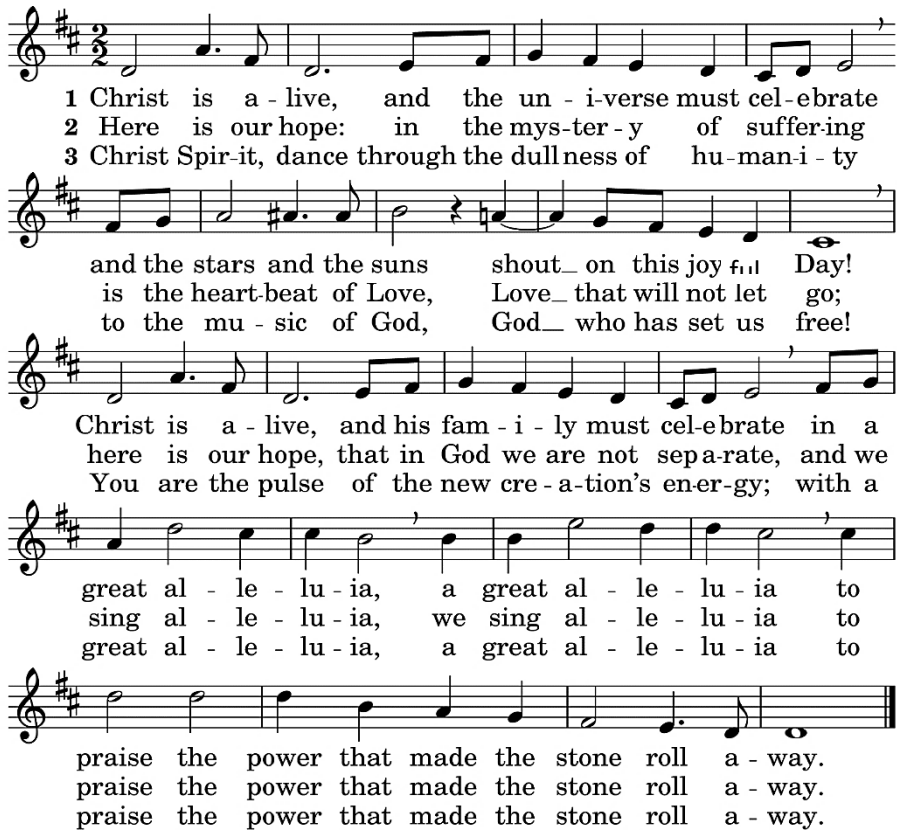
**Sermon**

THE GOOD NEWS...  
IS ALIVE IN THE WORLD

Rev. Sinnaduray

## \* Hymn for Reflection

## Christ is Alive



1 Christ is a - live, and the un - i - verse must cel - ebrate  
2 Here is our hope: in the mys - ter - y of suffer - ing  
3 Christ Spir - it, dance through the dull - ness of hu - man - i - ty

and the stars and the suns shout\_ on this joy - ful Day!  
is the heart - beat of Love, Love\_ that will not let go;  
to the mu - sic of God, God\_ who has set us free!

Christ is a - live, and his fam - i - ly must cel - ebrate in a  
here is our hope, that in God we are not sep - a - rate, and we  
You are the pulse of the new cre - a - tion's en - er - gy; with a

great al - le - lu - ia, a great al - le - lu - ia to  
sing al - le - lu - ia, we sing al - le - lu - ia to  
great al - le - lu - ia, a great al - le - lu - ia to

praise the power that made the stone roll a - way.  
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## 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.**

## 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.*

### \* Festival Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of Love; Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of Life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of Heaven, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, For he is King of all.**

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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

**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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**Piano Postlude**

*Hallelujah, What a Savior*

arr. Mark Hayes

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

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Constance Uejio, piano and organ

**Special Note:** The Flower dedication on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Monday holiday.**

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Children are invited to participate in Central Union Church's annual Easter Eggstravaganza at **10:00 AM** on the Preschool lawn. Each egg collected represents a monetary donation being made towards local recovery aid projects due to the recent flooding disasters in our islands.



## HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



"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!



## 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 Pihialoha 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: Anuheia & 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 Battley**

**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

## 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](https://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)

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!**

**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. 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 for breakfast and fellowship after worship, and 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!

**Our Ministers are Every One of Our Members!**  
Senior Minister, The Rev. A. Rushan Sinnaduray

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