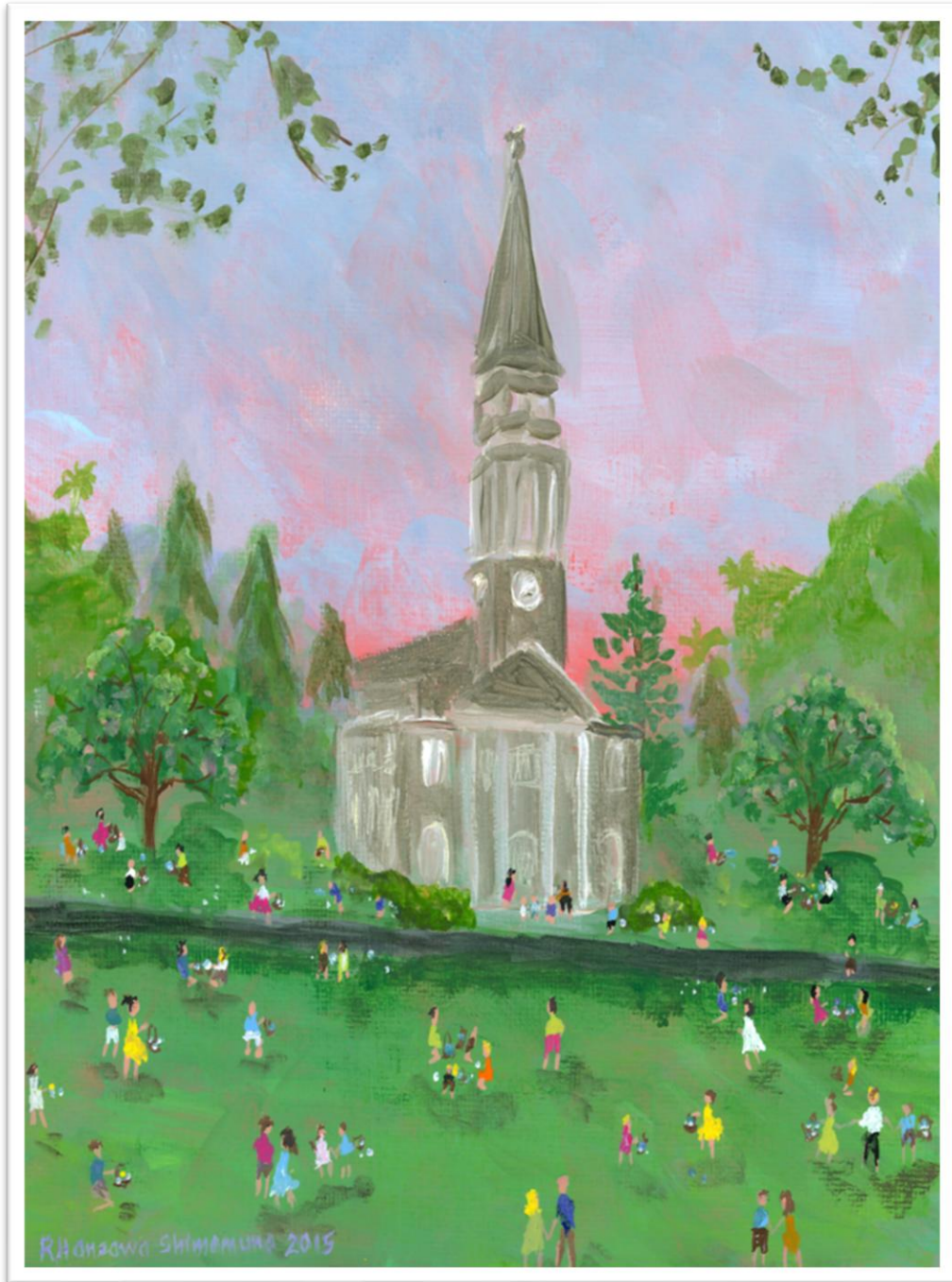


CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



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APRIL 5, 2026

9 AM SERVICE

EASTER DAY

SANCTUARY

Gift of Music (8:45 AM)

Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder ed. Robert King

Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach
/ed. Eugene Watts

"Barnsle Quatre Bransles" from Renaissance Dances
Tylman Susato/ed. John Iverson

Locus Iste Anton Bruckner
/ed. Kevin Morgan

Canzone per sonare No. 2 Giovanni Gabrieli
/ed. Robert King

Honolulu Brass Quintet: Casey Tamanaha & Eldred Ahlo, trumpet;
Marie Lickwar, horn; Anthony Tran, trombone; Dr. T.J. Ricer, tuba

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

Music for Easter

Easter Rejoicing

Jonathan Willcocks

Ke Aloha Pau 'Ole ~ Honolulu Brass Quintet ~ Sarah Young, director

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Danielle Kim

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)*

Danielle Kim

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.

Time for Keiki

Cayanna Herrera

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Talbert Fox

Choral Anthem

Lift High the Cross

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Chancel Choir ~ Honolulu Brass Quintet ~ Congregation ~ Sarah Young, director

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Verse 4

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain)**

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

Invitation to the Offering**Offertory**

Centone No. V
Honolulu Brass Quintet

Samuel Scheidt
/arr. Verne Reynold

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* **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**

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.**

Rev. Sinnaduray

(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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Postlude

My Spirit Be Joyful
Honolulu Brass Quintet

J.S. Bach/ed. Harry Herforth

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

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Margaret Lloyd, organ

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 from the steps, after the service.

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 6th 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



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!

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: 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



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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