

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BROADWAY

PIPPIN

THE SEARCH
FOR MEANING

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

May 17, 2026 † 11 AM Service

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
& GRADUATE RECOGNITION 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

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

* Sharing Aloha

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Martha Balkin

One: In the silence of this moment, a question rises: "Is this all there is?"

Many: **We have chased the extraordinary, yet our souls remain restless.**

One: The world says: "Be bigger. Be louder. Be more."

Many: **But the Lord requires justice, kindness, and a humble walk.**

One: Christ invites us not to a spectacle, but to a life of service.

Many: **We choose love over legend and community over the spotlight.**

* Music

Imago Dei

Worship Team

Imago Dei, Imago Dei, born in the image of God are we.

Imago Dei, Imago Dei, called to compassion; born to be free.

How shall we live as images of God?

How best reflect the wonder of our Maker?

Humbly we will walk, with mercy respond

And know the Essence of Love is always with us.

How shall we love the neighbor filled with greed?

How best respond to those consumed by hatred?

Look beyond the fear that keeps them from knowing the

Abundance of Love that's always with us.

Then shall we see the images of Christ.

Then shall we know that God is in our neighbor.

Humbly we will walk, with mercy respond

And know the Essence of Love is always with us.

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* Music

He Knows My Name

Worship Team

I have a Maker, He formed my heart.

Before even time began, My life was in His hand.

Chorus

**He knows my name. He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call.**

**I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go. (*Chorus*)**

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Time for Keiki & Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Music

Corner of the Sky
Alisha & Rushan Sinnaduray

Scripture

Micah 6:8
& Matthew 16:24-26

Andrew Yun

Sermon

PIPPIN:
THE SEARCH FOR MEANING

Pastor Rushan

Reflective Music

A Million Dreams

Worship Team

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.**

Offering

Way Maker

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

Pastor Rushan

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, in Your name!**

I will follow Your heart, wherever You are, I will go.

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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

**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.

*Today's flowers have been lovingly arranged by **Becky Woodland** 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.*

Congrats to the Class of 2026!



CASEY JONES

Graduate of Hawai'i Baptist Academy

Casey is the daughter of Nicole Jones and has been an active youth at CUC. She is considering her college options and future plans.



ANDREW LOUIE

Valedictorian & Honor Graduate of Kaiser High School

Andrew is the eldest son of Jimmy and Kathy Louie. He'll be studying Computer Science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.



RACHEL SCHMIDT

Summa Cum Laude, Jessup University in California

Rachel is the granddaughter of Connie and Glenn Uejio, daughter of Rebecca Uejio Schmidt, and has

played flute several times in our church. She majored in Education with 2 minors in Music and Bible Studies. She will go on to teach music at a public charter school.



MELISSA THACH

Education Specialist in School Psychology, Chaminade University

Melissa has been working on her EdS over the past few years while also working full-time at Sacred Hearts Academy

and part-time as our Youth Director at Central Union. She shares, "I have learned so much and become a better educator and advocate for my students. This achievement represents the dedication to do my part to make the world better for all our keiki."



MCCREA WHITE

Associate of Science degree in Audio Engineering, Honolulu Community College

McCrea has been our AV Technician since February 2025, assisting with the live stream, sound, and slides in our 9 AM and 11 AM worship services. He will be leaving Hawai'i

after graduation to pursue a bachelor's degree at Belmont University. He shares with us, "Thank you for being kind to me for the time I was there." We give our gratitude for his time with us and send him with much aloha as he furthers his education!

Congratulations to ALL this year's graduates!

This significant milestone is a testament to your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. We joyfully celebrate you and your accomplishment and pray for God's grace and guidance as you move forward with greater knowledge, courage, and possibilities!

Celebrate Pentecost
WEAR RED THIS SUNDAY!

**NEXT SUNDAY – PENTECOST DAY –
ONE MORNING SERVICE AT 10 AM IN
THE SANCTUARY**

On Pentecost Sunday, **May 24th**, there will be **one combined service at 10 AM** in the Sanctuary. We'll celebrate **Pentecost**—

God's promised Holy Spirit, present and active in our lives. To symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit, it is customary to wear red. We invite you to come and wear your best Sunday **RED** to celebrate Pentecost!

REGISTER FOR COMPASSION CAMP 2026

Kids ages 3-11 are invited to **Compassion Camp** hosted by our Children's Ministry from **July 20-24**. Suggested donation is \$65. Space is limited. Learn more and register online: bit.ly/cuc2026compassion.



YOUR VOICE SHOULD BE HEARD IN 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.

FROM THE CUC ARCHIVES...

More discoveries await you at cuchistory.org, with our latest addition located under “**Central Union Ministers**”... the 18-year CUC tenure of our 19th Senior Minister, The Reverend Thomas Leroy Crosby...1952-1970.

Contact CUC Historian, Karl Hedberg: historian@centralunionchurch.org.



*Reverend and Mrs. Tom Crosby
March 1964*

SAVE YOUR STAMPS



Your new or used U.S. and foreign stamps are used by handicapped individuals in sheltered workshops for a stamp project. Every undamaged stamp, postcard or stamped envelope has potential value to the folks in this program. Please leave your contributions at the *Church Office Reception Desk* marked "Attention: **Carol Miura**". Mahalo!

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 AM service.



HELP WITH SERVING ALOHA FOOD DISTRIBUTION



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.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

On the **second Tuesday of the month, between 2 and 4:30 PM**, we prepare 100 hot meals for Keauhou Shelter, and the Youth Outreach shelter in Waikiki. We could use a few extra bodies. You should come and join us! Especially anyone who could help with the delivery of the food. For more information, email **Laura Steelquist** at laura@steelhawaii.com or text her at (808) 221-0126.



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 **9:00 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 Room.

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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If you do not wish to be photographed or included in communications, you may let a church representative know. Mahalo!

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