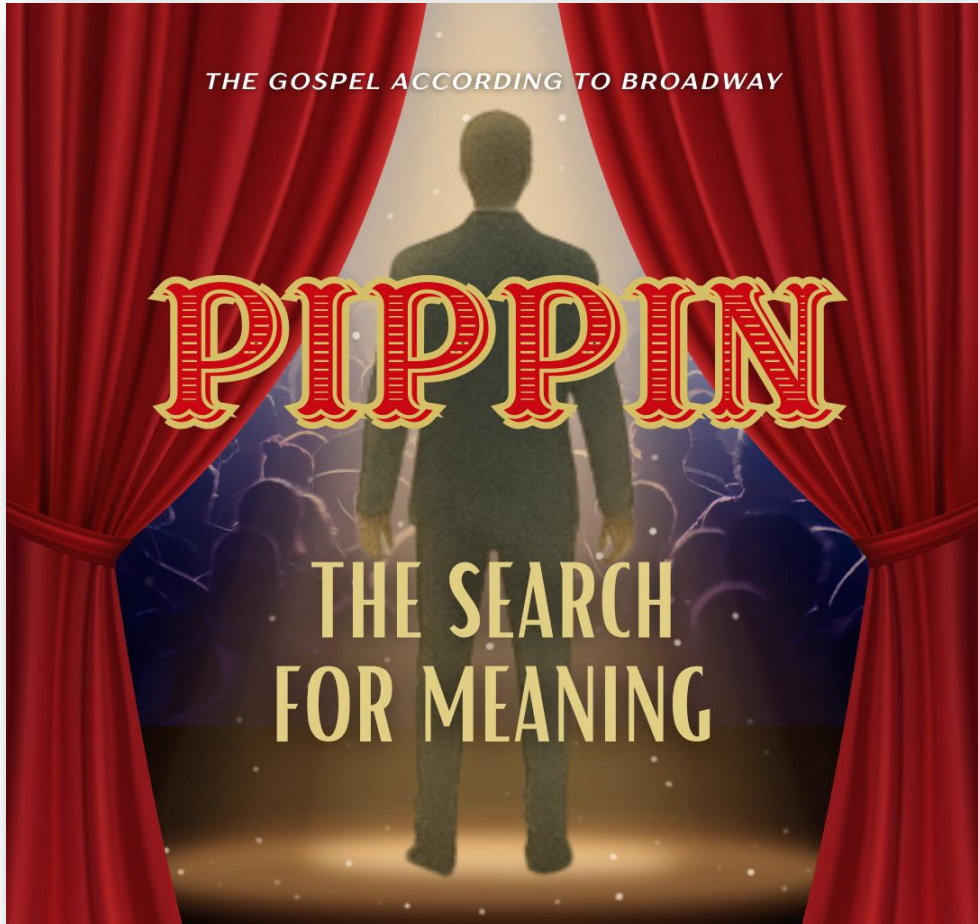


CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



MAY 17, 2026

7 AM SERVICE

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER &
GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

ATHERTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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)*

Fanny Yeung

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.**

* Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven No. 26, vs. 1 & 2

* Prayer of Invocation *(in unison)*

Fanny Yeung

O God, our true North, we come to you weary from the search for "more". We confess that we have often listened to the voices that tell us our ordinary lives are failures. In this hour, still the Leading Player in our hearts is the voice that demands we optimize and monetize our very existence. Help us to find meaning not in the applause of the world, but in the bread broken at the table and the neighbors standing beside us. Teach us the beauty of a human-sized life, grounded in your love and lived faithfully in community. Amen.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Micah 6:8
& Matthew 16:24-26

Fanny Yeung

Music for the Day *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

arr. Albin Whitworth

Sermon

PIPPIN:

Rev. Sinnaduray

THE SEARCH FOR MEANING

Hymn for Reflection *O Savior, Let Me Walk with You*

**O Savior, let me walk with you
In earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; let me be
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give,
with you, O Savior, let me live.**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Rev. Sinnaduray

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

**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.*

*** Hymn**

Community of Christ

**Community of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race and every song.**

**Community of Christ, look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.**

**Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world 'round:
Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
Our currency be love and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one for evermore.**

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

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Constance Uejio, organ

*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.*



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! M

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.

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!

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.



FROM THE CUC ARCHIVES...



*Reverend and Mrs. Tom Crosby
March 1964*

More discoveries await you at cuchistory.org, with our latest addition located under “[Central Union Ministers](http://cuchistory.org)”... 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.

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!



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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 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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