



Turning Toward the Light

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

July 26, 2026 ☩ 11 AM Service

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

We Are Marching / Siyahamba

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

* Sharing Aloha

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

David Yee

One: We have come in with wandering and lonely hearts.

Many: God draws us together in community.

One: We have come in with confusion about sharing our gifts.

Many: God offers us clarity and hope.

One: We have come in for a good word.

Many: Jesus offers us this calling, "Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be."

* Music

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Worship Team

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus

**Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

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* Music

Light of the World

Worship Team

**The world waits for a miracle, The heart longs for a little bit of hope,
O come, O come Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on earth, And she's calling out from a sea of hurt,
O come, O come Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing**

Chorus 1

Glory to the Light of the world. Glory, the Light of the world is here

**The drought breaks with the tears of a mother, A baby's cry is the sound of love
Come down, come down Emmanuel
He is the song for the suffering, He is Messiah the Prince of peace
He has come, has come Emmanuel**

Chorus 2

Glory to the light of the world. Glory to the light of the world

Bridge

**For all who wait, for all who hunger, for all who've prayed, for all who wonder,
Behold your King, behold Messiah, Emmanuel, Emmanuel**

Chorus 3

**Glory to the light of the world. Glory to the light of the world. Glory to the light
of the world.**

Bridge 2

Behold your King, behold Messiah, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Ending

**The world waits for a miracle, The heart longs for a little bit of hope,
O come, O come Emmanuel**

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TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Andrew Yun

Sermon THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE:
TURNING TOWARD THE LIGHT Pastor Rushan

Reflective Music *These Hills* Worship Team

**These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountain where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.**

**Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer. (Repeat)**

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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 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

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

The Lord Is My Light

Worship Team

**The Lord is my light
My God and my salvation
In God I trust
In God I trust (Repeat)**

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* Closing Prayer *(in unison)*

Pastor Rushan

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

**Christ beside us, Christ before us, Christ behind us—king of our hearts;
Christ within us, Christ below us, Christ above us—never to part.**

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

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

*Today's flowers have been lovingly arranged by **Eva Young**, with assistance from **Susie Field**. They 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*

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR LECTOR/READER MINISTRY!

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.



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).

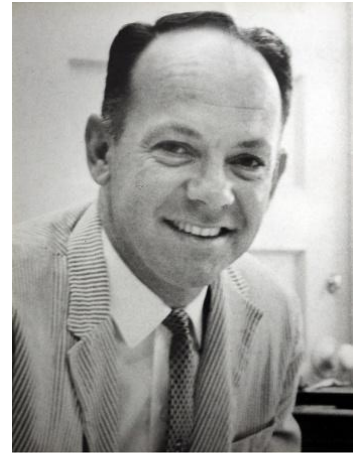
NEW FROM THE CUC ARCHIVES...

Speaking with anyone who has known Ken, you will hear enthusiastic praises. The Reverend Kenneth Orson Rewick, Central Union's 20th Senior Minister (1970-1974) is the latest addition to cuchistory.org—Central Union's history website and digital archive!

He had a love for working with youth. Before becoming our Senior Minister, he was chaplain of Punahou School for 15 years (1950-1965), then the headmaster at Mid-Pac Institute for five years. Yearbook photographs, during Dr. Rewick's presidency, show him having fun with the students in an afternoon game of touch football.

In 1970 Central Union again chose wisely in naming its next senior minister, the Reverend Kenneth Orson Rewick. Dr. Rewick and his wife Doris, a Central Union Preschool teacher and later director of the school, took their place naturally at Central Union, encouraging in the church a keen sense of congregational participation drawing those who simply "came" to church to become involved. Membership grew past the 3,000 mark.

Read Ken's fun story and sermon about catching a 225-pound Marlin in only a 13-foot boat. Once caught, with help from a larger boat alongside, the fish was hoisted onto their small boat leaving no room for Ken and his buddy. To return to Pokai harbor, Wai'anāe, West O'ahu, they had to sit on TOP of the Marlin, and paddle to harbor using the boat oars. As he tells the story in his sermon "Confessions of a Fisherman" you can feel his presence speaking to you, making you want to get up and say... "Here am I Lord, use me!" For more info, contact CUC Historian, Karl Hedberg: historian@centralunionchurch.org.



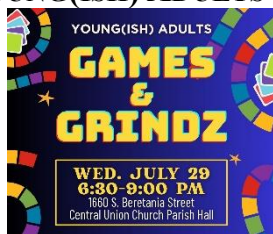
Reverend Kenneth Orson
Rewick
CUC 1970 - 1974

FLORAL ARRANGERS NEEDED

Do you have a knack for arranging flowers? Would you like to learn how the church floral arrangements are made? The CUC Flower Committee is happily welcoming new people to learn and help with the floral arrangements that can be seen in our worship spaces each Sunday. If you're interested in being part of this blossoming ministry, contact Dona Hanaike for more info: flowers@centralunionchurch.org.



YOUNG(ISH) ADULTS GAME NIGHT – JULY 29TH



Our Young(ish) Adult Ministry is hosting a game night & potluck on **Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 to 9 PM** in the Parish Hall. Come for a night of fun, laughter, friendly competition, and fellowship! Bring some food and a favorite game/icebreaker to share. Please RSVP to youngish@centralunionchurch.org.

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.



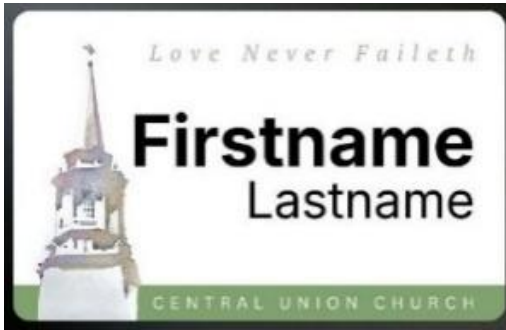
COME AND SHOP AT THE HONOLULU THRIFT SHOP!



Operating hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. These hours of operation also reflect the current hours at our Windward Thrift Shop (at the Central Union Windward campus) too. Hours may be further modified on certain dates in the summer depending on volunteer capacity. If you're interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop, please contact: cuc@centralunionchurch.org.

ORDER A NAME TAG FOR CHURCH

All who regularly come to worship are invited to wear a name tag, which will help our fellow church members and staff to put names and faces together! Once the name tags are made, they will be available at your preferred Sunday worship service for you to pick up and wear every Sunday! Please place an order online at bit.ly/cucnametag or contact Kristen Young at (808) 440-3014.



LEARN TO PLAY 'UKULELE

Beginner 'ukulele players from keiki to kūpuna are welcome to come and learn how to play the 'ukulele from Wade Cambern who is freely sharing his love of music through teaching 'ukulele. Bring your own 'ukulele and join the musical bunch, on **Sundays from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in the Women's Building**. Sessions resume on **August 2nd**!



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!

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES: THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE	
July 26, 2026	Turning Toward the Light
August 2, 2026	The Centrality of Love
August 9, 2026	Living Our Best Life
August 16, 2026	Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
August 23, 2026	Open Hearts, Open Hands

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 are away on Kaua'i for their **annual Youth trip**.

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

Please note: By attending events on campus, you may be included in photos and videos recorded by church representatives. Your presence grants your permission to be in these photos or videos, which may be used for communications or archival purposes.

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

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