



## **CENTRAL UNION CHURCH**

July 5, 2026 † 11 AM Service

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION 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**     *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*     Worship Team

**Welcome and Announcements**     Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

### \* Sharing Aloha

**Call to Worship** (*responsively*)     Martha Balkin

One: The world tells us our worth is found in our work, our hustle, and our constant productivity.

**Many: But Christ calls us to a different rhythm—a rhythm of rest and renewal.**

One: Come to me, says Jesus, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

**Many: We bring our exhaustion, our anxieties, and our endless to-do lists.**

One: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for my burden is light.

**Many: We come to resist the pressure to do it all, and to receive the grace of holy rest.**

One: Let us worship the God of the journey and the Lord of the feast!

**Many: Let us worship God together! Let us worship the God who sets us free!**

\* **Music**     *Give Me Faith*     Worship Team

**I need You to open my heart and tear it apart,  
I need You to open my eyes to see that You're shaping my life.**

*Pre-Chorus*

**All I am, I surrender.**

*Chorus*

**Give me faith, trust what You say,  
That You're good and Your love is great,  
I'm broken inside I give You my life.**

**I need You to soften my heart and break it apart,  
I need You to pierce through the dark and cleanse every part of me. (*Pre-Chorus*)  
(*Chorus*)**

**'Cause I may be weak, but Your Spirit's strong in me.  
My flesh may fail, My God You never will. (*Chorus*)**

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**\* Music**

*Your Love Is Extravagant*

Worship Team

**Your love is extravagant  
Your friendship is intimate  
I find I'm moving to the rhythms of Your grace  
Your fragrance is intoxicating, in our secret place  
Your love is extravagant**

*Chorus*

**Spread wide in the arms of Christ  
Is the love that covers sin  
No greater love have I ever known  
You considered me a friend  
Capture my heart again**

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**Time for Keiki & Prayer**

Cayanna Herrera

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

**Scripture**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pili Lee Loy

**Sermon**

BEYOND BELIEF:  
REST THAT SETS US FREE

Pastor Rushan

**Music for Reflection**

*We Are Many, We Are One*

Worship Team

**We are many, we are one, and the work of Christ is done  
when we learn to live in true community,  
as the stars that fill the night,  
as a flock of birds in flight,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the branches of a tree,  
as the waves upon the sea,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole when we honor every soul,  
find the life of God in every you and me,  
as the fingers of a hand,  
as the grains that form the sand,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the threads upon the loom,  
as a field of flowers in bloom,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**We will join creation's song, make a world where all belong,  
build as one in peace and loving harmony,  
as the voices of a choir,  
as the flames within a fire,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the snowflakes in the snow,  
as the colors of a bow,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

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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.**

#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering

*Love and Honesty*

Worship Team

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#### Prayer

#### Holy Communion

*We practice open communion here at Central Union Church, which means that **all** are welcome to gather at Christ's table and to share in this meal – a symbol of our connectedness to each other, to all of creation, and to God. In addition to regular bread, there will also be a gluten-free option available – please indicate to those serving if you require gluten-free bread.*

#### Communion Song

*Remembrance*

Worship Team

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

**We give thanks that we have gathered together in this sacred place, and been refreshed at this table. We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here. We are grateful for who we are for each other. May we go forth into the world in courage and peace to share the unfailing love that we have experienced in this meal. 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.*

#### \* Music

*Fill Me Up / Overflow*

Worship Team

**You provide the fire, I'll provide the sacrifice  
You provide the Spirit, I will open up inside  
You provide the Spirit, I will open up inside**

**Fill me up God, fill me up God, Fill me up God, fill me up...!**

*(Chorus)*

**Fill me up 'til I loose control. I wanna run over, I wanna run over,  
Fill me up 'til I lose control, I wanna run over, I wanna run over.**

**Fill me up 'till I overflow. I wanna run over, I wanna run over,  
Fill me up 'til I overflow, I wanna run over, I wanna run over**

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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

**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 arranged by **Dona Hanaike**, 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 loved flowers.*

**LEARNING TREE: EBOLA, An Update**

You're invited to a special Learning Tree gathering on **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM**, in the **Women's Building!** Join us as our own Joe Elm, a medical scientist, gives us an update regarding Ebola. All are welcome.



**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](http://bit.ly/readcuc).

**ORDER A NAME TAG FOR CHURCH**



All who regularly come to worship are eligible for 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 wear while at church. Please place an order online at [bit.ly/cucnametag](http://bit.ly/cucnametag) or



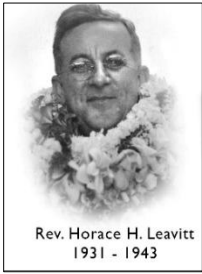
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**SAY IT WITH FLOWERS**

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, or [flowers@centralunionchurch.org](mailto:flowers@centralunionchurch.org).



## FROM THE CUC ARCHIVES...



**The Reverend Horace H. Leavitt, Central Union's 17th Senior Minister**, is the latest addition to the Central Union history website, [cuchistory.org](http://cuchistory.org). Located under "Central Union Ministers" on the site. Senior Minister Rev. Horice Leavitt (1931-1943) smoothly lead Central Union through the most challenging times, starting with the **Great Depression**, a severe global economic downturn from 1929 to 1939. The period was characterized by high rates of unemployment and poverty. People didn't have food or work.

Speak to our grandparents for heart wrenching stories. During this time his accomplishments included the formation of the Women's League (1934), the construction of the first Women's Building (1935), and the original Parish Hall (1937). After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Rev. Leavitt and Central Union Church members stepped up by providing temporary homes for more than a hundred people left homeless. Our Great Lawn became a **victory garden** for all. During the nighttime blackouts, following the attack, Central Union provided moonlight evening organ concerts with the programs printed in **luminous** ink. For more info, contact CUC Historian, Karl Hedberg: [historian@centralunionchurch.org](mailto:historian@centralunionchurch.org).

## CHURCH-WIDE-SUMMER-CELEBRATION-POTLUCK-PARTY



The whole Central Union 'ohana is invited to the Parish Hall for a summer celebration **(following one combined worship service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary) on July 19!** Bring a favorite dish/side to add to the spread! So far we've got hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetarian chili, rice, and Pohnpeian fried chicken. (You can drop off your food and labeled serving utensils in the Parish Hall before the worship service.) In addition to the potluck, there will be a sundae bar in honor of National Ice Cream Day, fresh popcorn, water play outside for keiki, and fellowship for all! Come and enjoy! Friends welcome!

## 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](mailto:flowers@centralunionchurch.org).

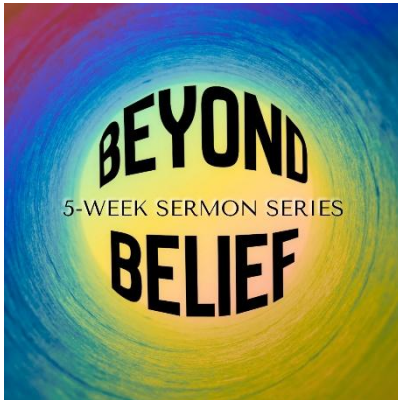


## VOLUNTEER WITH THE COMMUNITY MINISTRY

On the **second Tuesday of the month**, (this month, on July 14<sup>th</sup>) **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](mailto:laura@steelhawaii.com) or text her at (808) 221-0126.



## COMING UP IN OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES: BEYOND BELIEF



### July 12\* - Beyond Belief: Doing the Soil Work

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Spiritual growth doesn't happen overnight—it's cultivated through attention, practice, and openness to change.*

(\***Note:** Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray will be leading worship at Central Union Windward. The Rev. Dr. Will Whitmore will be leading worship here in town.)

### July 19 - Beyond Belief: Faith in a Mixed Field (**One service only at 10 AM**)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Jesus invites us to live faithfully amid complexity and imperfection, trusting God's work without rushing judgment.*

## 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](https://bit.ly/cuc2026compassion).



## SUMMER JAZZ VESPERS ON SUNDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>!



Join us in the **Atherton Memorial Chapel** from **5:30 to 6:30 PM** on **July 19, 2026**, as our Summer Celebration continues! We bring together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration for a service of prayer, meditation, silence and music.

# 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](https://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 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, the Youth will meet at **Noon** to go see *Toy Story 5* at **Ward Theatres**.

**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](mailto:youngish@centralunionchurch.org).

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

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