



Living Our Best Life

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

August 9, 2026 † 11 AM Service

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BACK TO SCHOOL 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

Vagabonds

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rushan Sinnaduray

*** Sharing Aloha**

Pastor Rushan

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Arushini Sinnaduray

One: God is able to do more than we could ask or imagine.

Many: God goes beyond our doubt to give us faith.

One: God is able to give more than we can understand.

Many: God goes beyond our cruelty to give us kindness.

One: God soars to reach our minds and hearts.

Many: God goes beyond our anger to give us empowerment.

One: God expands our possibilities.

Many: God goes beyond our injustice to give us hope.

*** Music**

God of Wonders

Worship Team

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky;

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth. You are holy.

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father, hold me, hold me.

The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

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*** Music**

Here's My Heart, Lord

Worship Team

Chorus 1

**Here's my heart, Lord. Here's my heart, Lord.
Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.**

**'Cause I am found, I am Yours. I am loved, I'm made pure.
I have life, I can breathe. I am healed, I am free.**

**'Cause You are strong, You are sure. You are life. You endure.
You are good, always true. You are light breaking through. (*Chorus 1*)**

Chorus 2

**Here's my life, Lord. Here's my life, Lord.
Here's my life, Lord. Speak what is true.**

Bridge

**You are more than enough. You are here. You are love.
You are hope, You are grace. You're all I have. You're everything.**

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Time for Keiki & Prayer

Cayanna Herrera

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-12

Cathy Santa Ana

Sermon

**THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE:
LIVING OUR BEST LIFE**

Pastor Rushan

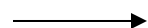
Reflective Music

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.**

**Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care,
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for ev'ry man and woman,
these are our prayer.**



**Cities where young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care,
Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.**

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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

When They Were Together

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**

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)*

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 arranged by **Gail Atwater**, with assistance from **Jodee Farm**. 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.*

"TIME & TALENT FAIR" COMING UP!



As part of our stewardship campaign, we will celebrate with a "Time & Talent Fair" on **August 23rd**, in the **Women's Building at 10 AM** (between the 9 and 11 AM services). Explore how our church is building upon our four "[Strategic Pillars & Goals](#)" and how your time and talents can be shared to support the ministries of our church. Come check out the various booths... perhaps you will find yourself in one of the photos!

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.



COME SHARE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD WITH US.



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.

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.



ANNUAL MEMBER AND BUDGET MEETING - SAVE THE DATE



The Annual Member and Budget Meeting of the congregation of Central Union Church will be held on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, immediately following the **combined 10 AM service in the Sanctuary**. There will be no 7, 9 or 11 AM service that day. The meeting will begin at 11 AM (or as soon thereafter as registration is complete), both online via Zoom and in the Parish Hall of the Honolulu Campus. The information

needed to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom will be provided in a future notice.

GET READY FOR GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND DURING SEPTEMBER!



Throughout the month of September, you can donate to Central Union Church and Preschool at any Foodland checkout through the [Give Aloha](#) program! Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each gift with a donation to our organizations, too!

HOW TO GIVE: Go to any Foodland cash register with your Maika'i card (free at any Foodland service counter) and make a donation with cash, check, or credit card, naming **Central Union Church #78511** or **Central Union Preschool #78270** as a recipient. You can donate any amount, up to a total of \$249 (per person, per organization). You can submit your receipt (which will list your Maika'i number, our organization's name, and the donation amount) to the church office by mail, or in the collection plate, to get credit on your giving statement. This is a great way to pay your September pledge and make your giving go further!

PLEASE pay your September pledge, or give an extra donation, through *Give Aloha* this September!

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.

Sadly, we are still unable to receive donations, at this time.

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.



GUARD YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS



Reminder while on campus: We are fortunate to have a large, open campus with lots of people passing through for different reasons. To protect your belongings, we recommend not leaving things unattended in public spaces. Please be vigilant and guard your personal items and valuables.

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** up in the new 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

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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