

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



LAITY SUNDAY



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

9 AM SERVICE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SANCTUARY

Gift of Music (8:45 AM)

Cello duets by

Telemann, Kummer, Shostakovitch,
Offenbach, Schumann, and Winona Beamer

~ Louise Kefford-Ching & Janice Trubitt, cello ~

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

*** Sharing Aloha**

Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Peggy Canonigo

One: Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

Many: **We sing songs and hymns, old and new; we celebrate with voices and instruments, with praise and prayers!**

One: Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

Many: **For God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all who believe.**

One: Let's praise God together!

*** Opening Hymn** *God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.**

**Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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*** Prayer of Invocation** *(in unison)*

Peggy Canonigo

**God of justice, peace and righteousness, come into our midst today.
Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your
enlivening, your imagination on us. Wake us up. Open our eyes. Unplug
our ears. That we might hear. That we might see. That we might dream.
That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom. Amen.**

Time for Keiki

Cayanna Herrera

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture

Romans 15:5-13

Joshua Eikenberg

Music for the Day

Possessions

Wes & Diane Hannibal

Chancel Choir ~ Sarah Young, director

/arr. Brad Nix

Sermon

Brody McMurtry,
Council Chair-elect

Hymn for Reflection

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 234

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Kalani Brady

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

Offertory

Ngei Me Silepen Sihpw Mwahu
(*I Am A Good Shepherd*)

Pohnpei Ministry Choir ~ Robinson Fredrick, director

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with your smartphone's camera OR type bit.ly/give2cuc into your web browser
and select "General Fund" from the drop-down menu.*



* Doxology (*sung in Hawaiian*)

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau,	Praise God,
Ke Keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō,	From Whom all blessings flow;
Ke Akua mau, ho‘omaika‘i pū,	Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao.	Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
‘Āmene.	Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
	Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

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.*

* Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 8

* Closing Prayer (*in unison*)

Brody McMurtry

**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

Brody McMurtry

* Congregational Response

**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.**

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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 **Jean Yokoyama**, 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.*

ANNUAL MEMBER AND BUDGET MEETING NEXT SUNDAY



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 **10:00 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.

JAZZ VESPERS RESUMES TONIGHT, SEPTEMBER 6TH!

Join us in the Atherton Memorial Chapel from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on September 6, 2026, as we bring together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration for a service of prayer, meditation, silence and music.

(Coming up: September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6).



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.

SEPTEMBER BOOK STUDY

RECLAIMING OUR FAITH: A CONVERSATION FOR CURIOUS MINDS

Have you ever found yourself sitting in a pew, hearing a traditional religious word like "salvation," "sin," or "faith," and feeling like it didn't quite capture the depth of what you experience in your daily walk with God? Sometimes, the words we grew up with can feel worn out, misunderstood, or even like a barrier to the spiritual life we actually live. This September, you are warmly invited to join us in the Rewick Board Room for a four-week book study as we explore **Marcus J. Borg's *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power and How They Can Be Restored***. Copies of the book are available for purchase from Pastor Rushan or the Church Office for \$20.

There are two options to join the group:

- **Tuesdays (September 1, 8, 15, 22): 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, or**
- **Thursdays (September 3, 10, 17, 24): 10:30 AM to 12 Noon**

Sign up online by typing <https://bit.ly/sep2026study> into your browser or using this QR code.

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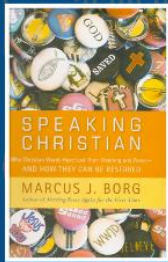
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options each week:

**Sep. 1, 8, 15, 22
TUESDAYS**
6:00 - 7:30 PM

or

**Sep. 3, 10, 17, 24
THURSDAYS**
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

In the Rewick Board Room
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HELP US BRING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE—JOIN OUR TEAM OF READERS!



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.

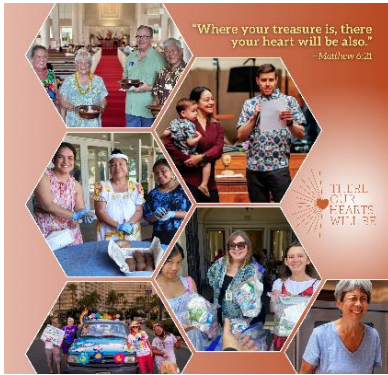
COME AND SHOP AT THE HONOLULU THRIFT SHOP!

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).

Hours may be further modified on certain dates depending on volunteer capacity. If you're interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop, please contact: cuc@centralunionchurch.org.



STEWARDSHIP - SHARE YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING



As part of our stewardship, we share our Estimate of Giving (EOG) which greatly helps our church to plan for the year ahead and live within our means. We trust that where our hearts go, our lives, choices, and resources will follow. Please spend some time in prayer and consider what you are able to give in 2027 to support the ministry of Central Union Church. You may turn in your



EOG card in the offering plate, bring it to the Church Office, or complete it online by using this QR code, or by typing bit.ly/pledgecuc into your browser.

GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND AND MAXIMIZE YOUR PLEDGE!



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!

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.

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** up 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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