

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 'OHANA

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



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OCTOBER 11, 2026
9 AM SERVICE
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SANCTUARY

Gift of Music (8:45 AM)

Be Not Afraid
Margaret Lloyd, piano

arr. Dan Forrest

Mercy's Arms
Ezinne Dawson, mezzo soprano

arr. Doug Pew

A Prayer for Peace
Margaret Lloyd

Julie Henney

Jesus' Love Is Like a River
Ezinne Dawson

arr. Greg Hansen

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. Dr. Will Whitmore

*** Sharing Aloha**

Rev. Whitmore

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Lisa Buck Haley

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Many: We gather with glad hearts, for the Lord is near.

One: Let us release our worries, and in every situation, bring our prayers and petitions to God with thanksgiving.

Many: We lay down our anxieties, trusting that the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

One: Let us fix our thoughts on whatever is true, noble, right, and pure.

Many: Let us focus on whatever is lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

One: Come, let us put the Gospel into practice.

Many: May the God of peace be with us as we worship today!

*** Opening Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

No. 251

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

Lisa Buck Haley

God of Peace, we gather in Your presence today to rejoice in Your goodness and grace. In a world that so often fills us with anxiety, we bring our cares to You now with grateful hearts. Guard our minds in Christ Jesus, and silence the fears that distract us from Your love. Center our thoughts on whatever is true, honorable, and praiseworthy,

that our worship may be pleasing in Your sight. Equip us by Your Spirit to put Your word into practice, so that Your peace may continually dwell among us. We pray this in the strong and gentle name of Jesus. Amen.

Time for Keiki

Cayanna Herrera

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD...

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Stephen Haley

Music for the Day

Peace I Leave With You

Walter Pelz

Ke Aloha Pau ‘Ole ~ Sarah Young, director

Sermon

Rev. Whitmore

Hymn of Reflection *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

**’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
’tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.**

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Rev. Whitmore

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

Do Not Be Afraid
Ke Aloha Pau ‘Ole ~ Sarah Young, director

Philip Stopford

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* Doxology *(sung in Hawaiian)*

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau,	Praise God,
Ke Keiki me ka ‘Uthane 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

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

No. 370

* Closing Prayer *(in unison)*

Rev. Whitmore

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. Whitmore

* 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

Prelude on "Old 120th" setting by Healey Willan

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

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Margaret Lloyd, organ

*Today's flowers, beautifully arranged by **Eva Yeung**, with assistance from **Faith Sato and Shirley Tom**, and have been provided by **Georgia and Kenneth Len** in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.*

Senior Minister, Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray is off island today.
Mahalo to **Rev. Dr. Will Whitmore** for officiating in his stead.

Reverend Dr. William (Will) Whitmore is an ordained and licensed minister of the United Church of Christ, serving as Chaplain at Mid-Pacific Institute. Will, Kristen and their children, Remi, Gemma and Bob, are members here at Central Union. Before his role at Mid-Pacific, Rev. Whitmore was the School Minister at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania for nearly a decade, where he also taught religion and history. Rev. Will's academic background includes a Ph.D. in Sports Chaplaincy from the University of Gloucestershire (UK), a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy and Religious Studies from the University of Denver.

LEARNING TREE TODAY! - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IHS

You're invited to a Learning Tree gathering **TODAY at 10 AM**, in the **Women's Building**! Join us as Connie Mitchell, the Executive Director of the Institute for Human Services, speaks on the role that IHS plays in helping the houseless and the community. Learning Tree is open to all.



TALK STORY & TEA WITH PASTOR IRENE



Our new Associate Minister, Pastor Irene Willis Hassan, is making it a priority to get to know people! If you don't catch her at Sunday worship, she'll be setting aside some time at both campuses to talk story. There will also be a Zoom option for people who cannot attend in person.

Come for tea, light snacks, and conversation!

- **Today, October 11 (in the Women's Building, 12 PM)**

Conversation Starter: "What helps you feel like you truly belong in a group of people?"

NEW MEMBER MEETING

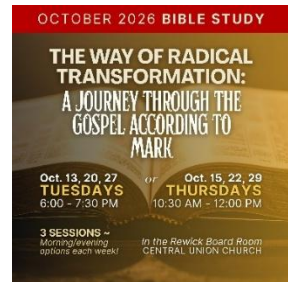


Interested in becoming a member of CUC?! On **October 18th**, at **10 AM**, between the **9 AM and 11 AM services**, join Pastor Rushan in the Rewick Board Room (in the Admin Building) to learn more about church membership! Please RSVP to cuc@centralunionchurch.org by 5 PM on Thursday, October 15th.

OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY:

The Way of Radical Transformation: A Journey Through the Gospel According to Mark

This October, you are warmly invited to join us for a three-week Bible study as we explore the Gospel of Mark. This study is designed for those who appreciate honest conversation, progressive perspectives, and a desire to connect their lifelong faith with the reality of their lives today. Rather than focusing on complex doctrine, we will focus on metanoia, which is the "180-degree turn" of life, and what it means to live as disciples in a world that is often fast-paced and mysterious.



Dates/Times: Morning and evening options each week (attend one)

- **Tuesday evenings** (October 13, 20, 27) 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
- **Thursday mornings** (October 15, 22, 29) 10:30 AM to 12 PM

Location: Rewick Board Room in the Admin Building

Whether you have studied scripture for decades or are simply looking for a meaningful way to reconnect with the core of the Christian narrative, there is a place for you at this table. We look forward to embarking on this journey of rediscovery with you.

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 Hanaïke, through Natasha at (808) 440-3004, or flowers@centralunionchurch.org.



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.

YOUNG(ISH) ADULTS DINNER CHURCH

Generations X, Y, Z are invited to a special **Dinner Church** on **Wednesday, October 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. It's an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Irene who is excited to connect with folks! Dinner will be catered by Da Spot, childcare will be provided, and you don't need to bring or prepare anything. Just come, eat, talk story, and let's dream together about what we want this community to become! Please RSVP to irene-hassan@centralunionchurch.org.



JAZZ VESPERS: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us in the **Atherton Memorial Chapel** from **5:30 to 6:30 PM** on the **first Sunday of the month**. (Coming up: November 1, December 6)



A GATHERING FOR BOOMERS & BEYOND



The Boomers & Beyond group meets on **Tuesdays at 11:30 AM** for lunch and an activity. If you're a senior (or know one) who's interested in connecting with others and participating in leisure pastimes, join Boomers & Beyond! The invitation is open to all, so feel free to bring a friend or tell a kupuna in your life. Bring a sack lunch for yourself and meet in the **Women's Building** at 11:30 AM. Questions? Call/text Ronny at (808) 391-2733.

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 2 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

Associate Minister, The Rev. Irene Willis Hassan

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