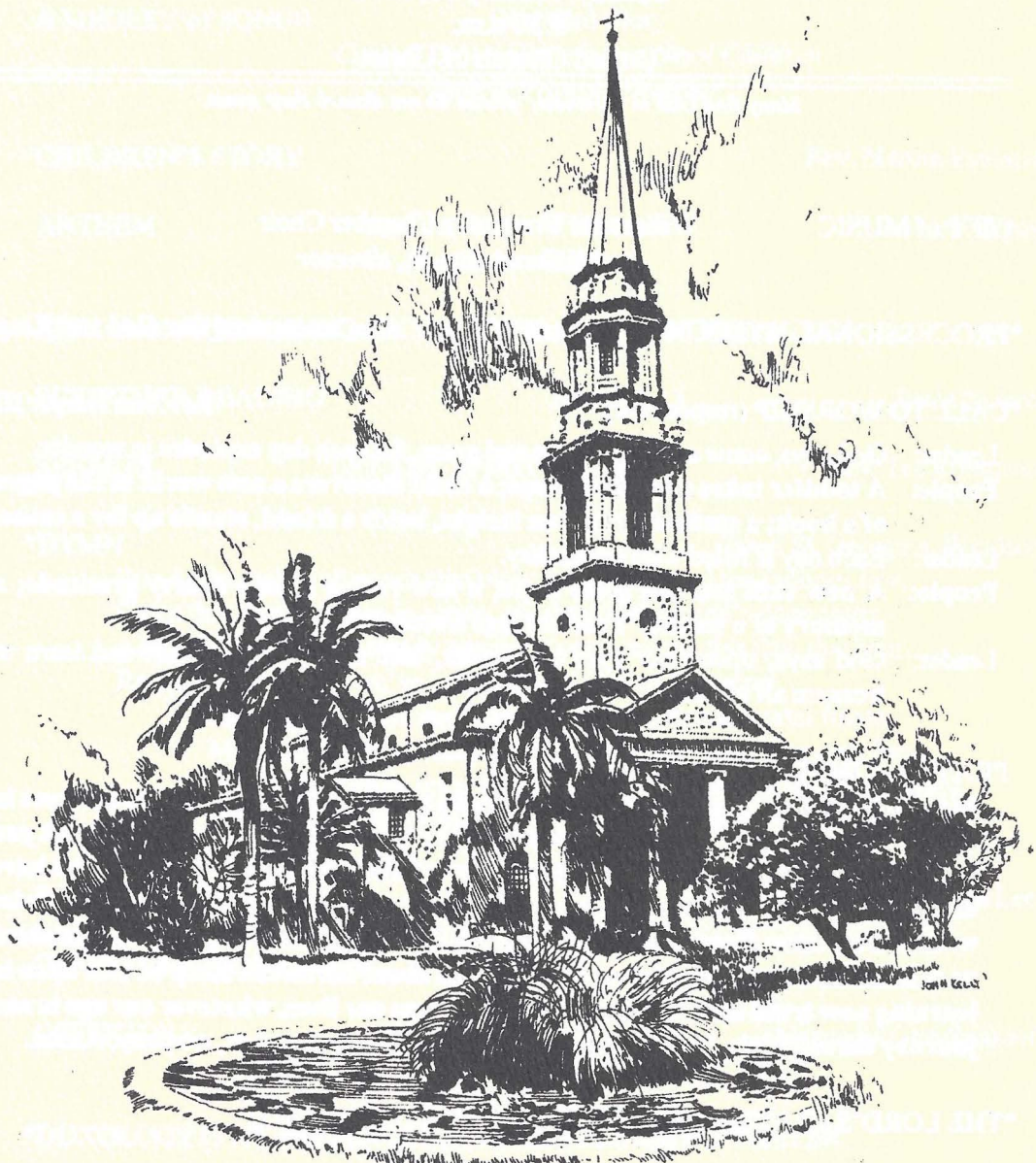


LOVE NEVER FAILETH



Central Union Church
Honolulu, Hawaii

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, January 18, 1998
8:30 a.m.
United Church of Christ

Many find God in quietness; please do not disturb their quest.

GIFT of MUSIC

Willamette University Chamber Choir
Dr. Wallace Long, Jr., director

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 64 (stanzas 1,3,5) All Creatures of Our God and King

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Rev. Jim Harper III

Leader: God says, come and see. Come and grow, for each day explodes in wonder.

People: **A toddler takes some first steps; a child discovers a new world in the pages of a book; a student grasps an insight, holds a friend, stands up for a cause.**

Leader: Each day is filled with possibility.

People: **A new skill learned gives hope; a new recipe brings hearty gratitude; a memory of a teacher's care brings a second blessing.**

Leader: God says, open your eyes to wonder, take my words to heart and learn to treasure all of life.

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

We come, Creator God, with heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all those teachers in our lives who have shaped and molded the very character of our lives. We thank you for those who have picked us up when we have fallen, wiped our eyes when we have cried, and encouraged us when we discovered new abilities and skills we otherwise would never have discovered. We thank you for all who have taught us and enabled us to learn new truth about your creation and about ourselves. Keep us ever open to learning new truth that will shape and transform our lives, whatever our age in our journey through life. In the name of Jesus, the Master Teacher, we pray, Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts) and THE GLORIA PATRI (513)

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RECOGNITION of CENTRAL UNION PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN

A MEDLEY of SONGS

Give God Glory

Central Union Church Preschool Children

Debbie Francis, Director

CHILDREN'S STORY

Rev. Marcia Eveland

ANTHEM

And the Father Will Dance

Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-13

Emi Chutaro

SERMON

"LET THE SPIRIT BLOW"

Rev. Ted Robinson

*HYMN

Tune: St. George's, Windsor

Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves –
Aim your breath with steady power on your church, this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit of God of Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre. Kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways
Speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Allan Lee

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

Nunc Dimittis

Alexander Gretchaninof

Willamette University Chamber Choir

*DOXOLOGY (515), PRESENTATION of OFFERINGS and PRAYER

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 247

(stanzas 1 and 2)

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (joining hands)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,

That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trumpet Toccata

Gilbert Martin

* the congregation stands

** interlude for seating

MINISTERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward "Ted" Robinson, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Allan Lee, *Associate Minister of Adult Education and Mission*

Rev. H. Hendrik Boer, *Associate Minister of Visitation*

Rev. Marcia C. Eveland, *Associate Minister for Children and Families*

Rev. Jim Harper III, *Associate Minister to Young Adults*

Rev. George Scott, *Associate Minister to Youth*

Dr. Gary Augustin, *Pastoral Counselor, Samaritan Counseling Center*

Roy Hallman, *Minister of Music*

Nyle Hallman, *Assistant Director and Organist*

Ruth Stepulis, R.N.,C., *Director of Senior Services*

Celeste O'Brien, *Director of Preschool and Kindergarten*

Frank Clayton and Jack Simpson, *Co-Administrators*

Central Union Church, organized in 1887, traces its roots to the Seamen's Bethel, founded 1833. The Bethel began the earliest regular church services in English in the Hawaiian kingdom.

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