

KEAWALA'I CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ (USA)



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**Keawala'i Church was founded in 1832
Mākena, Maui, Hawai'i**

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KA HAIPULE ‘ANA
The Worship Service

December 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
***Please stand either in body or spirit.**

E ‘ĀKOAKOA NEI KĀKOU NO KA HO‘OMANA I KE AKUA
(We Gather to Worship God)

KA HĪMENI
Gathering Music

Pianist
Betelehema Iki E

NĀ HO‘OLAHA
Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

KA WEHE ‘ANA
Prelude

Pianist
Once in Royal David’s City

HO‘OKANI KA PELE
Ringing the Church Bell

Earlene Cummings

HO‘OKANI KA PŪ‘OLE‘OLĒ
Blowing of the Conch

HŌ‘Ā I NĀ IHOIHO
Liturgist (One) / Congregation (All)

Lighting the Candles
Isaiah 7:10-16

One: To love is the greatest gift
bestowed upon us.
It is a surrender
to God’s holy power.

**All: God loves us,
despite all our mistakes,
so we pray for the patience of hope!**

One: To be loved by God
is the right of every living thing.
This love is the sun and the rain,
it is the beginning and end of all.

**All: God loves us
even when we neglect our neighbors,
so we pray for the strength to bring peace.**

One: God's love is always
a promise and a responsibility,
and we are given this love freely.
God demands nothing from us,
yet knows we are capable of greatness.

**All: God loves us
in the midst of destruction and despair,
so we pray to share a vision of joy.**

One: Love is a sacred vow
God has made to us,
a rainbow in the sky,
a baby in the manger.

**All: God loves us just as we are,
and we give thanks and whisper amen.**

Today we light the candle of *Aloha* - the candle of love.
Let us worship God with love in our hearts!

***KA HĪMENI HO‘OMAIKA‘I ‘ANA**

Hawai‘i Aloha

Processional Hymn

E hau‘oli e nā ‘ōpio o Hawai‘i nei

(Happy youth of Hawai‘i)

‘Oli ē! ‘Oli ē!

(Rejoice! Rejoice!)

Mai nā aheahe makani e pa mai nei,

(Gentle breezes blow)

Mau ke aloha no Hawai‘i.

(Love always for Hawai‘i)

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(Love always for Hawai‘i.)

***KA PULE WEHE ‘ANA**

Guest Pastor

Opening Prayer

***KE KĀHEA O KA HAIPULE ‘ANA**

Led by Liturgist

Call to Worship

Psalm 80:1, 16-18

Hawaiian – People together with Liturgist / English – Pastor

People: *E hāliu mai kou pepeiao,
e ke Kahu Hipa o kā ‘Isera‘ela,
Ka Mea alaka‘i iā Iosepa me he ‘ohana hipa lā;
E ka Mea e noho lā ma waena o nā kerubima, e
ho‘omālamalama mai.*

Pastor: Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock;
You who are enthroned above the cherubim,
Shine forth!

People: *Ua pau ia i ke ahi, ua kua ia i lalo;*

I kou pāpā ‘ana make nō lākou.

Pastor: It is burned with fire, it is cut down;
They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

People: *E kau ‘ia kou lima ma luna o ke kanaka
o kou lima ‘ākau,
A ma luna ho‘i o ke keiki a ke kanaka
āu i ho‘oikaika ai nou iho.*

Pastor: Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man whom You made
Strong for Yourself.

People: *A laila, ‘a‘ole mākou e ha‘alele iā ‘oe;
E ho‘āla mai ‘oe iā mākou,
a e hea aku nō mākou i kou inoa.*

Pastor: Then we shall not turn back from You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

***‘ŌLELO MIKIONA** Congregation led by Liturgist
Mission Statement (Unison)

*Ho‘okumu ‘ia ka ‘Ekalesia o Keawala‘i e ko mākou mau
kūpuna
i kūpa‘a ma hope o ke aloha o ke Akua
mai kekahi hanauna a kekahi hanauna aku.*

*‘O mākou nō nā haumāna a Iesū Kristo,
E heahea akula me ke aloha i nā lāhui a pau i ko mākou
‘ohana.*

*Lawelawe ‘ia nā lāhui a pau e ko Keawala‘i
ma o ka pilina ‘uhane o ke kaiāulu ākea,
i ho‘olōkahi ‘ia ka ho‘omana Kalikiano
me ka mo‘omeheu Hawai‘i.*

Keawala‘i Congregational Church, founded by our *kūpuna*,
is committed to sharing God’s aloha from generation to
generation.

As *haumāna* of Jesus Christ we welcome all, love all,
and accept all into our ‘*ohana*.

Keawala‘i ministers to all through the spiritual gifts we
share as a diverse community
uniting our Christian faith
and Hawaiian heritage.

KA MANAWA NO NĀ KEIKI A ME NĀ ‘ŌPIO
Keiki Time

Pastor

(Children may go to Sunday School after the message.)

E HO‘OLONO KĀKOU I KA ‘ŌLELO A KA HAKU
(We Hear the Word of God)

KA HELUHELU HA‘AWINA – KA UOHA HOU Liturgist
Scripture Reading (NRSV)

Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For

before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***KA HĪMENI KA'INA**
The Hymn

Once in Royal David's City
NCH #145

E PANE KĀKOU IĀ IA A HO'OMAIKAI

(We Respond and Give Thanks to God)

PULE A NA KANAKA

Prayers of the People (see below)

***KA PULE A KA HAKU**

The Lord's Prayer

Hawaiian and English

Na Hīmeni #187

(see below & please stand as we sing)

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani, e ho'āno 'ia kou inoa.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

E hiki mai kou aupuni;

Thy kingdom come;

e mālama 'ia kou makemake ma ka honua nei,

Thy will be done on earth,

e like me ia mālama 'ia ma ka lani la.

as it is in heaven.

E hā'awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā, i 'ai na mākou no kēia lā;

Give us this day our daily bread;

E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i ka mākou lawehala 'ana,

And forgive us our debts,

me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i ka mākou.

As we forgive our debtors.

Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai;

And lead us not into temptation;

E ho'opakele no na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino; no ka mea, nou ke aupuni,

But deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom.

A me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia, a mau loa aku.

And the power, and the glory, forever.

‘Āmene, ‘Āmene.

NĀ HAPA'UMI A ME NĀ LŪLŪ

Anthem Hymn

Tithes & Offerings

Ko Betelehemā Mele (The Bethlehem Song)

We offer a QR code for online giving (see below).

****KA MELE HO'OMAIKA'I***

The Doxology

*Ho'onani i ka Makua mau,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō,
Ke Akua mau, Ho'omaika'i pū,
Ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao. 'Āmene.*

****KA PULE HO'OLA'A 'ANA***

Prayer of Dedication

E HO'OKU'U KĀKOU NO KA LAWELAWE PO'OKELA
(We Disperse to Serve the World)

****KA HĪMENI HO'OUNA***

Betelehemā Iki E

Sending Hymn - Nā Himeni #37

(O Little Town of Bethlehem)

****KA PULE HO'OKU'U***

Guest Pastor

Commission & Benediction

(Recessional clergy and deacons)

****KA HĪMENI HO'OUNA***

Himeni Hope

Recessional Hymn

Nā Himeni #223

***HO‘OKANI KA PŪ‘OLEOLĒ**

Blowing of the Conch

*Our service is over. Our service to the world begins.
Please feel free to exit quietly or stay to enjoy to Postlude.*

KA HO‘OPAU ‘ANA

Pianist

The Postlude

Ko Betelehema Mele (The Bethlehem Song)

NĀ ALAKA‘I

(Leadership)

KAHU (Guest Pastor)

Rev. Heather Mueller

HELUHELU (Liturgist)

Robin Burke

ALAKA‘I HIMENI

Thomas Goedecke

(Music Director)

HO‘OKANI PIANO

Louise Lambert

(Pianist)

ALAKA‘I KAHAWAI OLA

Tony Alleyne

(Livestream Director)

NĀ KIAKONA (Deacons)

Robin Burke, Dian Gruber
Karen Nelson, Sue Nygren
Earlene Cummings, *Emerita*

Keawala‘i Endowment Fund

Keawala‘i Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has established a permanent endowment fund dedicated to sustaining the church's work and mission; and to preserving our landmark sanctuary and Hawaiian heritage. This fund originates from the gifts of faithful church members and friends.

If you would like more information about how you can participate in the endowment fund through an immediate gift or estate giving, you may contact the church office at (808) 879-5557 or view the church's web site at: www.keawalai.org.

Calendar for December

Sun. Dec. 21 - Christmas Fund offering

Wed. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve pre-service schedule

9:00 a.m. - general set up of chairs & decorations

1:00 p.m. - Sound & Lighting set up

3:45 p.m. - sound check & choir rehearsal

Wed. Dec. 24 - 5:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service



QR Code if you choose to donate
to Keawala‘i electronically!

Prayers for Healing & Wholeness, in Body, Mind & Spirit

Ordinarily names remain on our prayer list for a month.

Our prayers are requested for:

For Christopher Fish (53) undergoing immunotherapy for lung cancer.

For Karen Nelson's friend of 30 years who is battling kidney cancer.

For Frank to be free from pain and to have a peaceful passing (wife).

Bruce Burkitt on the passing of his brother Dave.

For Bob (& Gwen) Hunt - Bob (90) had a stroke & is at Kula San.

For Alex's friend April who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

For the Pasco's auntie, Jane (93), who passed away 9/29/25.

For Emily Bott (Kalama) who is 103 years old and passed away.

For the Kepler's, Dr. William Kepler passed away 8/2/25 at age 84.

For Bob Barchi who broke his femur at 88 years old.

For Richard (Karen Rollin's brother) with dialysis and medications.

For Julie who has breast cancer (in Matthies wedding here).

For salvation over the two adult children of Brent and Amy Potts.

For Simon Hill's mom, Sandra, recovering from a brain bleed.

For Garrett and hernia/stomach surgery; strength for him and family.

For healing & strength for Amanda (Alex's niece) post hip surgery.

For Nikki recovering from hip surgery and dealing with cancer.

For Carmen Rego for strength to be able to use her walker.

For Bob and Loretta Brem, hope and healing through loss of family.

For Dave Moore diagnosed with ALS (friend of Clark and Sue).

For all world leaders to have "the mind of Christ."

And others as we remember them...

Once in Royal David's City, NCH #145, Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt. Tune: IRBY; Henry J Gauntlett, 1849; Herm. A. H. Mann, 1919

Hawaii Aloha, NHE #135, Laiana (Lorenzo Lyons), 1886; Tune: LAIANA, with refrain by James McGranahan, 1907

Ho`onani I Ka Makua Mau (Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow), NHE #1, Thomas Ken, 1711, tr. Binamu (Hiram Bingham), 1869.

Ke Aloha A Ke Akua (The Queen's Prayer), NHE #186, *Queen Lili`uokalani*, 1917; Tune: LILI`UOKALANI, *Queen Lili`uokalani*, 1917.

Ka Pule A Ka Haku (Our Father Who Art in Heaven), NHE #187, from Matthew 6:9-13, tr. Laiana (Lorenzo Lyons), 1886; Gregorian Chant.

Let there Be Peace on Earth, Community of Christ Sings #307, words/music by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, alt., 1955 renew. 1983, Jan-Lee Music. Tune: WORLD PEACE, OneLicense #50630.

The Lord's Prayer, from Matthew 6-9-13; Tune: MALOTTE, Alfred Hay Malotte, 1935.

Himani Hope, NHE #223, Binamu (Hiram Bingham), 1789-1869m Arr. Robert Graham, 1912-

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Once in Royal David's City

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 Je - sus came to earth from heav - en, who is God and Head of all,
 3 And through all this won - drous child-hood Je - sus hon - ored and o - beyed,
 4 Je - sus is our child-hood's pat - tern, dai - ly like us lived and grew,
 5 We at last shall meet our Sav - ior, fount of God's re - deem-ing grace,

Where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for a bed:
 Shel - tered in a rus - tic sta - ble, cra - dled in a com - mon stall;
 Loved and watched the ten - der moth - er whose strong arms a cra - dle made.
 Je - sus, lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles and com - fort knew.
 For that Child so dear and gen - tle reigns with - in a glo - rious place;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 With the poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 So, like Je - sus, we should be serv - ing God o - be - dient - ly.
 Je - sus felt the pain of sad - ness, and the joy - ous lift of glad - ness.
 Lead - ing all God's chil - dren on to the heaven where saints have gone.

Cecil Frances Alexander, wife of the bishop of Ireland, wrote a series of children's hymns commenting on the Apostles' Creed. This hymn, elaborating on the words "... born of the Virgin Mary," tells the whole life of Christ.

Tune: IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7.
 Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849
 Harm. A. H. Mann, 1919

BETELEHEMA IKI E

Kalikimaka

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks, 1836-1893
Tr. Rev. Edward Kahale, 1891-1989

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6.
Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

1. Be - te - le - he - ma i - ki e, Ke 'i - ke nei ma - kou
2. Ha - na - u 'ia o Kris - to A hu - i a'e ko o

Kou mo - e 'a - na i ka po, Pa - ne'e a - 'e na ho - ku
Moe ko ke ao, a ki - a'i mau Na 'a - ne - la mai - ka'i

La'e - la'e no kou mau a - la Ka la - ma e ola ai
Hui pu na ho - ku ao, e! Ku - ka la a'e 'ou - kou

Ka li'a, ka we - li o na kau, A - i - a no me 'oe.
A mi - li - la - ni i ke A - kua, He ma - lu i ka - na - ka. A - mene.