

KEAWALA'I CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ (USA)



December 7, 2025

Communion Sunday

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

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KA HAIPULE ‘ANA
The Worship Service

December 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent - Communion Sunday

***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

Pianist

Gathering Music

Na Ioane Bapetiso (John the Baptist)

NĀ HO‘OLAHA

Liturgist

Welcome and Announcements

KA WEHE ‘ANA

Pianist

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort O My People

HO‘OKANI KA PELE

Earlene Cummings

Ring the Church Bell

HO‘OKANI KA PŪ‘OLE‘OLĒ

Blowing of the Conch

HŌ‘Ā I NĀ IHOIHO

Lighting the Candles

Liturgist (One) / Congregation (All). Inspired by Isaiah 11:1-10

One: At the start of every day,
God shakes us awake to the possibility
of reconciliation and joyful abundance.

All: May our Great Redeemer,
who judges all with righteousness,
reward the tyrannized with justice.

One: In every season,
God tends to the child within us,
bringing into harmony
all distress and despair.

**All: May our Beloved Emmanuel
defend the cause of the deprived,
give deliverance to the abused,
and overwhelm the will of their persecutors.**

One: Throughout all generations,
God bestows upon the people
a peace that is everlasting.

**All: May the Prince of Peace
rain down blessed mercy upon the people,
showering the earth with righteousness and peace.**

Today we light the candle of *maluhia*- the candle of
peace. Let us worship God with peace 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)

Mau ke aloha no Hawai‘i.
(Love always for Hawai‘i.)

Opening Prayer

***KE KĀHEA O KA HAIPULE ‘ANA**

Led by Liturgist

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:1, 4-7

Hawaiian – People together with Liturgist / English – Pastor

People: *E hā‘awi i kou mau kāmāwai i ke ali‘i, e ke Akua,
A i kāmā pono ho‘i i ke keiki a ke ali‘i.*

Pastor: Give the king your judgements, O God,
and Your righteousness to the king’s son.

People: *E ho‘oponopono ‘o ia i ka po‘e kaumaha o nā kāmaka,
E ho‘ōla ‘o ia i nā keiki a ka po‘e ‘ilihune,
E hanapēpē i ka mea ho‘oluhi hewa.*

Pastor: May he vindicate the afflicted of the people,
Save the children of the needy
And crush the oppressor.

People: *E weliweli mau lākou iā ‘oe i ka wā o ka lā,
A i ka luli ‘ana o ka mahina, i nā hanauna a pau.*

Pastor: Let them fear You while the sun endures,
And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: *E iho mai nō ia e like me ka ua ma luna
o ka ‘āina mau‘u i ‘oki ‘ia;
Me nā kulu ua ho‘i i ho‘opulu iho i ka honua.*

Pastor: May he come down like rain
Upon the mown grass,
Like the showers that water the earth.

People: *E mohala a‘e ka po‘e pono i kona mau lā,
A me ka pōmaika‘i nui a e ‘ole loa ka mahina.*

Pastor: In his days may the righteous flourish,
And abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

***‘ŌLELO MIKIONA**
Mission Statement (Unison)

Congregation led by Liturgist

*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.

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***KA HĪMENI KA'ĪNA**

The Hymn

Comfort, Comfort O My People

NCH #101

(Children may now go to Sunday School.)

KA HA'I 'ŌLELO

Sermon

Rev. Heather Mueller

Are we Preparing Prayerfully?

E PANE KĀKOU IĀ IA A HO'OMAIKAI
(We Respond and Give Thanks to God)

***KA HUA O KAMANA 'O'I'O** Congregation led by Liturgist
The United Church of Christ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people
from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,
our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people
of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PULE A NA KANAKA

Prayers of the People (see below page 15)

***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

Tithes & Offerings

Pianist

Peace in Our Hearts

We offer a QR code for online giving (see below page 14).

***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

KA HĪMENI

Ka Haku Aloha E

The Hymn – Nā Himeni #182 *(Break Thou the Bread of Life)*

‘AHA ‘AINA PELENA – Communion

Words of Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Jesus is Here Right Now – NCH #348
(during distribution of the Bread)*

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit – NCH #293
(during distribution of the Cup)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communal Benediction

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

***KA HĪMENI HO‘OUNA**

Sending Hymn - Nā Himeni #89

Na Ioane Bapetiso
(John the Baptist)

***KA PULE HO‘OKU‘U**

Commission & Benediction

Guest Pastor

(Recessional clergy and deacons)

***KA HĪMENI HO‘OUNA**

Recessional Hymn

Himeni Hope
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

The Postlude

Pianist

NĀ ALAKA'I
(Leadership)

<i>KAHU</i> (Guest Pastor)	Rev. Heather Mueller
<i>HELUHELU</i> (Liturgist)	Alex Butler
<i>ALAKA'I HIMENI</i> (Music Director)	Thomas Goedecke
<i>HO'OKANI PIANO</i> (Pianist)	Louise Lambert
<i>ALAKA'I KAHAWAI OLA</i> (Livestream Director)	Tony Alleyne
<i>NĀ KIAKONA</i> (Deacons)	Robin Burke, Dian Gruber Karen Nelson, Sue Nygren Earlene Cummings, <i>Emerita</i>

A Word of Welcome

The Rev. Heather Mueller is an Episcopal Priest who has been living on Maui since 1978. She started her ministry on Maui as a chaplain and teacher at Seabury Hall and she was there for 3 and a half years. In 1981 Heather was ordained to the priesthood at Holy Innocents Episcopal church and then in November of 1981 she was called to be the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Kula. Heather served there until 2010...29 years. Since then Heather has served in Israel, The Big Island, Taft, California, Okinawa, Tokyo, Guam, Saipan and all over the islands of Hawaii. She is very honored to be here at Keawala'i serving this month. She considers this to be a most beautiful church with a wonderful congregation!



Calendar for December

Sun. Dec. 7 - 11:15 a.m. - Board of Trustees

Sat. Dec. 13 - 10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Animals

Sat. Dec. 13 - 10 a.m. -12 noon - Item drop off for sale

Sun. Dec. 14 - 11:15 a.m. - Board of Deacons

Sun. Dec. 14 - 11:15 a.m. - Craft Faire & Bake Sale

Tues. Dec. 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Book Club

"The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency"
by Alexander McCall Smith

Wed. Dec. 17 - 2:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee

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

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.



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 Yolanda Gough's daughter whose wedding was called off.

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 world leaders to have "the mind of Christ."

And others as we remember them...

Comfort Comfort O My People, NCH #101, Johannes Olearius, 1671; Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; Tune: PSALM 42 (FREU DICH SEHR), Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551
Peace in Our Hearts, Offertory, c. 1986, Louise Lambert
Let there be Peace on Earth, Postlude, Community of Christ Sings #307, words/music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, alt., 1955 renewed 1983, Jan-Lee Music. Tune: WORLD PEACE

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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Comfort, Comfort O My People


Isa. 40:1-8

Johannes Olearius, 1671

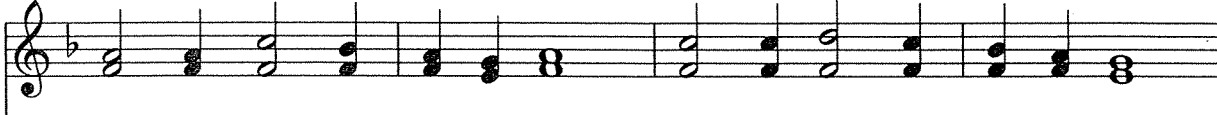
Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.




1 "Com - fort, com-fort O my peo - ple, tell of peace," thus says our God;
 2 For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er pla - ces plain!



Com-fort those whose hearts are shroud-ed, mourn-ing un - der sor-row's load.
 Bid-ding us to make re - pen - tance since the realm of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, for Mes-si - ah's ho - ly reign.



Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;
 For God's glo - ry ev - er-more shall be known o'er all the world;



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Written for John the Baptist's Day, June 24, this hymn clearly reflects the Isaiah text. Johannes Olearius, a Lutheran pastor, held a faculty appointment at Wittenberg University as well as church administration positions in his region

Tune: PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8.
 (FREU DICH SEHR)
 Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551

KA HAKU ALOHA E

'Aipalena

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913

Tr. "Hualalai" (Ella Hudson Paris), 1852-1938

BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D.
William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

1. Ka Ha - ku alo - ha e, E wa - hi mai,
2. E ho'o - po - mai - ka'i ia'u, Ka 'ole - lo au

I ka be - re - na e o - la ai no'u nei,
Me 'oe ma Ga - li - lai - a i na po - po;

Me kau i wa - hi ai I na po - po; _____
A - lai - la e pau a'e Na lu - hi nei; _____

'I - 'i - ni au la nou, e ka Lo - gou!
A ma - lu - hi - a wau i - lo - ko ou! A - mene.

Jesus Is Here Right Now

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Leon C. Roberts, 1986; alt.

not fast

Je - sus is here right now. Je - sus is

Somewhat detached throughout

here. With this bread and wine true peace you'll

find; Christ Je - sus is here right now. (right now).

to beginning *Last time, end*

Composer Leon C. Roberts is perhaps best known for his "Mass of St. Augustine" and other liturgical compositions that appear in *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African-American Catholic Hymnal*. His work is greatly influenced by priest and composer Clarence Joseph Rivers.

Tune: JESUS IS HERE 6.4.5.4.6.
Leon C. Roberts, 1986

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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NA IOANE BAPETISO

Papakema

John, the Baptist

to Jacob Maka

Jacob Maka, Island of Kaua'i

Na I - o - a - ne Ba - pe - ti - so, I Ba - pe - ti - so ia Ie -

su, I lo - ko o ka mu - li - wai o

Ka Me - si - a,

Io - re - da - ne, A i ko - na pi - 'i 'a - na mai,

iko - na

Ha - ma - ma e la e ka la - ni i lu - na, Pa'e mai - la ka leo

pi - 'i 'ana mai, Ka la - ni i lu - na,

ma - na o ka Maku - a ma - u.