

# **KEAWALA‘I CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ (USA)**



**January 11, 2026**

**Baptism of Christ**

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

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**KA HAIPULE ‘ANA**  
**The Worship Service**

**January 11, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Baptism of Christ**  
**\*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

*Iesu, Ke Kumu O Kona ‘Ekalesia*

***NĀ HO‘OLAHA***

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***KA WEHE ‘ANA***

Prelude

Pianist

*Arise Your Light Has Come*

***HŌ‘Ā I NĀ IHOIHO***

Lighting the Candles

***HO‘OKANI KA PELE***

Ringling the Church Bell

Earlene Cummings

***HO‘OKANI KA PŪ‘OLE‘OLĒ***

Blowing of the Conch

**\*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

**Inspired by Psalm 29: 1-4**

**Hawaiian – People together with Liturgist / English – Pastor**

**People:** *E hā‘awi aku iā Iēhova, e ka po‘e ikaika,  
E hā‘awi aku iā Iēhova i ka nani a me ka mana.*

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People:** *E hā‘awi aku iā Iēhova i ka nani o kona inoa;  
E ho‘omana aku iā Iēhova me nā mea nani ho‘āno.*

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his and her name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor  
of his and her holiness.

People: *Aia ka leo o Iēhova ma luna o nā kai;  
Ke hekili mai nei ke Akua nani;  
Aia nō Iēhova ma luna iho o nā wai he nui nō.*

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

People: *‘O ka leo o Iēhova he mea mana nō ia;  
‘O ka leo o Iēhova he nani loa nō ia.*

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

**\*‘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 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*KA HĪMENI KA‘INA**  
The Hymn

*Arise Your Light Has Come*  
NCH #164

**KA HA‘I ‘ŌLELO**  
Sermon

Rev. Mitch Nelson  
*Our Peaceful Savior*

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

***PULE A NA KANAKA***

Prayers of the People (see page 11)

**\*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

Anthem Hymn

*Blessed Quietness*

*We offer a QR code for online giving (see page 10).*

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

The Doxology

*Ho'onani i ka Makua mau,  
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uthane 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*** *Iesu, Ke Kumu O Kona 'Ekalesia*  
Sending Hymn - Nā Himeni #66 (The Church's One Foundation)

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

Guest Pastor

Commission & Benediction

(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

*Blessed Quietness*

## **NĀ ALAKA‘I**

(Leadership)

**KAHU** (Pastoral Candidate)

Rev. Mitch Nelson

**HELUHELU** (Liturgist)

Robin Burke

**ALAKA‘I HIMENI** (Music Director)

Thomas Goedecke

**HO‘OKANI PIANO** (Pianist)

Louise Lambert

**ALAKA‘I KAHAWAI OLA**  
(Livestream Director)

Tony Alleyne

**NĀ KIAKONA** (Deacons)

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

## **We Welcome Pastoral Candidate Rev. Dr. Mitch Nelson**

Pastor Mitch Nelson is an ordained UCC pastor that currently serves a UCC church in Duluth MN. He has his master's and doctorate degrees from United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. His Doctorate degree was a directed study on ecology relationships with focus in particular on the human/nature relationship. The work has been forwarded into a book entitled *Christian Spiritual Ecology* that will be published this summer. Mitch practices his own spiritual ecology in cold water lake surfing on Lake Superior and pollinator gardening in the summers.

## **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](http://www.keawalai.org).

## **Calendar for January**

**Sun. Jan. 11** - Pastoral Candidate Rev. Dr. Mitch Nelson will be our guest pastor today. There will be a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following the service.

**Wed. Jan. 14 - 2:30 p.m.** – Outreach Committee

**Sat. Jan. 17 - 11:00 a.m.** – Steve Riford Memorial

**Sun. Jan. 18** – Kahu Alike Pastor Emeritus celebration (potluck)

**Tues. Jan. 20 - 10:00 a.m.** – Book Club

**Sun. Jan. 25 - 11:15 a.m.** – Annual Meeting & Kalaupapa Sunday



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

*Ordinarily names remain on our prayer list for a month.*

### ***Our prayers are requested for:***

For Judi and Fred's brother-in-law, Gary, who has esophageal cancer.  
For Kim who has Stage 4 colon cancer & in Hospice (for family too).  
For Anne Mussleman's brother John, has widespread bodily cancer.  
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 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 all world leaders to have "the mind of Christ."

And others as we remember them...

**Arise Your Light Has Come**, NCH 164, Ruth Duck, 1973; Tune: FESTAL SONG; William Walter, 1872

**Blessed Quietness**, NCH #284, Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.; Tune: BLESSED QUIETNESS; W. S. Marshall, Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

*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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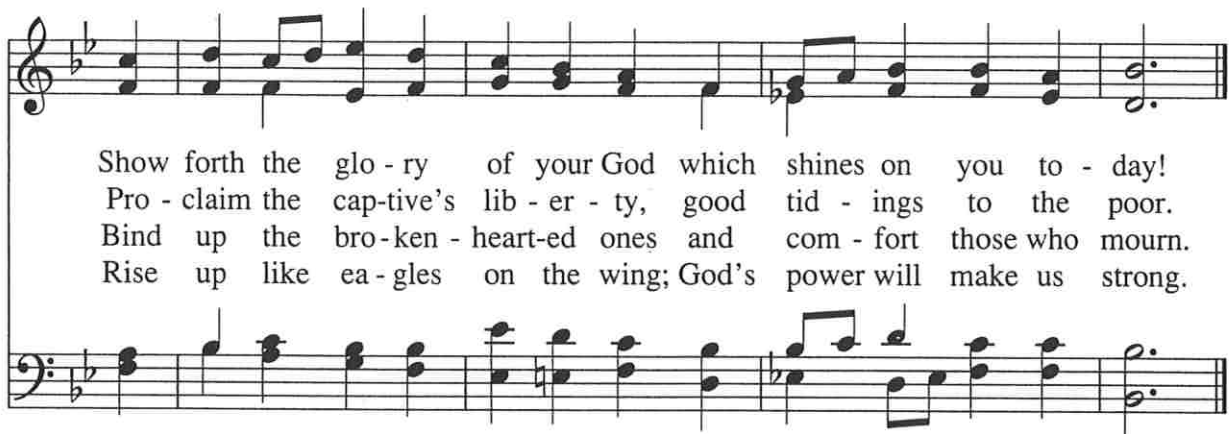
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## Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*


1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 Bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.*

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.  
*William Walter, 1872*

## IESU, KE KUMU O KONA 'EKALESIA 'Ekalesia

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
Tr. Rev. Samuel M. Saffery, 1889-1971

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

1. 'O Ie - su no ke ku - mu 'ko - na 'E - ka - le - sia, Ua  
 2. Ho'o - kahi wale no i wae - 'ia Ma ka ho - nu - a nei, Ka  
 3. I na po - pi - li - ki - a Na ulu - a'o o ke ao, U -  
 4. Ku'i - kahi ma ka ho - nu - a Me ke ka - hi - ko - lu e, Puni -

ho - 'o - kumu 'ia 'O - ia Me ka mana o ko - na leo, Mai  
 ma - ne o ke o - la Ie - su ka Haku mau loa, He  
 kali i ka pi - ha po - no 'O ka ma - lu - hia mau loa, 'I ke  
 hei kona hui 'ana ma - i Me ka maha i lo - a'a mai, Hau -

luna mai 'O ia 'imi mai ai I ka 'E - ka - le - si - a la'a, Me  
 ma - ne he - mo - le - le No ko ke ao a - pau, Ho'o -  
 le'a ko ke ao a - pa - u I ka 'E - ka - le - sia lana - kila A'o -  
 'oli nui ko ke ao nei I ko ke A - kua loko - mai - ka'i Me

ko - na koko no 'o - ia I pa - na'i a ola ka - kou.  
 kahi no ma - na'o - la - na O Ko - na loko - mai - ka'i,  
 li - no mai ka Na - ni Ka 'E - kale - sia a ma - ha.  
 ka pu'u-wai lo - kahi mau E noho me 'Oe malu - na a'e. A - mene.