

THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



*Loving God, loving people,
and sharing the Good News*

Lord's Day, August 3, 2025
10:30 AM

1054 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 3, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Major, Op. 5, No. 5

Karl Bachman, Organist

John Stanley (1713-1786)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Huang

Psalms 63:1-4

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Anna Huang

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

Blessed Be Your Name (Matt and Beth Redman)

I Stand in Awe (Mark Altrogge)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the everlasting life.

Amen.

HYMN

Congregation

Take My Life and Let It Be (#379 Red Hymnal)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS	Anna Huang
SONG OF THANKSGIVING	Praise Team
<i>Glorify Thy Name</i> (Donna Adkins)	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Anna Huang
SERMON	Rev. Jonathan Lilley
<i>“When Faith Feels Fragile”</i> Matthew 11:1–6	
RESPONSE HYMN	Congregation
<i>Behold the Lamb</i>	
THE LORD’S SUPPER	Rev. Jonathan Lilley
COMMUNION SONG	Praise Team
<i>I Will Never Be</i> (Geoff Bullock)	
CLOSING PRAYER	Rev. Jonathan Lilley
DOXOLOGY	Congregation
BENEDICTION	Rev. Jonathan Lilley
POSTLUDE	Karl Bachman, Organist
<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

E Komo Mai

If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome Card" found in the foyer and place it in the Koa Bowl at the front of the church. We would love to connect with you and share more about our church and the various ministries and opportunities available to you. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you feel at home!

SERMON NOTES

“When Faith Feels Fragile”

Matthew 11:1–6

Big Idea: Real faith holds on to Jesus even when He doesn’t show up the way you expected.

1. **The Silence Isn’t a Sign to Quit** (vs. 1–2)
2. **The Evidence Is Greater Than the Emotion** (vs. 3–5)
3. **The Blessing Comes When You Don’t Bail** (vs. 6)

Questions for Reflection:

1. Where in your life does it feel like God is delaying, and how can you trust Him more deeply in the waiting?
2. How do Jesus’ works (His miracles, death, and resurrection) help anchor your faith when your emotions waver?
3. What would it look like to stay faithful to Jesus—even when you don’t understand His ways?

DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 15: *What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?*

Answer: One who is a true¹ and righteous² human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.³ (¹ Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17 ² Isa. 53:9; ² Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26 ³ Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1)

Question 16: *Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?*

Answer: God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin;¹ but a sinful human could never pay for others.² (¹ Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16 ² Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18)

Memory Verse:

"Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God." - Isaiah 50:10

Upcoming Sermon:

8/10/2025	The Book of Matthew	Greatness and Grace	Matthew 11:7-19
8/17/2025	The Book of Matthew	Rest for the Weary	Matthew 11:20-30

Missionary of the Month: This month, we are praying for Randy and Cheryl Lee, who serve with Faculty Bridges. For over 30 years, they have ministered to university faculty—especially Christian professors—encouraging and equipping them to view their academic roles as a mission field. To support mission partners like the Lee Family, please mark "missions" on your tithing envelope.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - 8/3/25

- ❖ **Mahalo for this week's altar flowers** from Phoebe & Jack Zhou.
- ❖ **Love Feast:** Join us today after Worship in the gym for our monthly Love Feast, graciously offered by a family from our church. Everyone is invited!
- ❖ **Archery Fellowship:** All ages are welcome to come out for On Target for Christ, our free archery fellowship, happening Saturday, August 9, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the playground.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast:** Join us for our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, August 16 at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.
- ❖ **Thank You, VBS Volunteers:** A big mahalo to all of our incredible volunteers who served throughout the week at Vacation Bible School! Your time, heart, and love made a lasting impact on the children of our church and community!
- ❖ **Midweek Bible Studies Resume:** We're excited to share that English midweek Bible studies are starting back up this week. Join us Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in Master's Hall (MPR Room), and Friday evenings (except the last Friday of each month), beginning with dinner at 6:45 PM followed by Bible study from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in Founder's Hall, Room 303.
- ❖ **No Adult English Sunday School:** Please note there will be no Adult English Sunday School on Sunday, August 10, as Pastor Lilley will be preaching in the Chinese service. Adult Sunday School will resume the following week.
- ❖ **Visitation Ministry:** We are launching a new Visitation Ministry! Pastor Lilley with a team of volunteers will be making visits on Tuesday afternoons to members and friends in need of care, prayer, or encouragement. If you would like to receive a visit, know someone who needs one, or would like to join in on these visits, please contact Pastor Lilley at pastorLilley@firstchinese.org.

STUDYING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Tuesday

9:00–10:00 AM.....Midweek Morning Bible Study (Master's Hall, MPR Rm)

Friday (except the last Friday of the month)

6:45 PM.....Dinner (w/ Mandarin congregation)

7:30–8:30 PM.....Midweek Evening Bible Study (Founder's Hall, Rm 303)

Sunday

8:45–10:00 AM.....Children & Youth Sunday School (Founder's Hall)

9:00–10:00 AM.....Adult Sunday School (Master's Hall, MPR Rm)

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to give online, scan the QR code or you may visit
<https://www.firstchinese.org/go/>.



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“God is too good to be unkind, and He is too wise to be mistaken. When we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.”
— Charles Spurgeon

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