

THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



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

Lord's Day, August 31, 2025
10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 31, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Voluntary in E Minor, Op. 5, No. 4

Karl Bachman, Organist

John Stanley (1713-1786)

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Huang

Psalms 121:1–8

PRAYER OF ADORATION

David Huang

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

Our God (Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Jonas Myrin, & Matt Redman)

Amazing Grace (John Newton)

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Genesis 1:1–5 / John 1:1–3

PRAYER OF PETITION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

HYMN

Congregation

Victory in Jesus (#473)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

David Huang

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Team

Create In Me a Clean Heart (Keith Green)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

David Huang

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

"Lord of the Sabbath"

Matthew 12:1–8

RESPONSE HYMN

Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy (#262)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

POSTLUDE

Karl Bachman, Organist

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554

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

“Lord of the Sabbath”

Matthew 12:1–8

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Senior Pastor

Big Idea: Real rest isn’t in rules or rituals — it’s in a relationship with Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.

1. *The Law was a gift, not a cage (vs. 1-5)*

2. *The Lord is Greater than the Temple (vs. 6-8)*

Reflection Questions:

- Where are you most tempted to measure your faith by performance instead of resting in Christ’s finished work?
- How can you shift your spiritual habits (Bible, prayer, serving) from being “checklists” to being pathways that lead you to enjoy Jesus?
- What would it look like this week to actually *lay something down*—a burden, a sin, or a self-imposed rule—and find rest in Jesus instead?

DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 26: *What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

Answer: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them,¹ and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence,² is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father.³ In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul,⁴ and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow.⁵ He is able to do so as almighty God,⁶ and willing also as a faithful Father.⁷ (*Gen 1 and 2; Ex 20:11; Job 38 and 39; Ps 33:6; Is 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15. ² Ps 104:27-30; Mt 6:30; 10:29; Eph 1:11. ³ Jn 1:12, 13; Rom 8:15, 16; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:5. ⁴ Ps 55:22; Mt 6:25, 26; Lk 12:22-31. ⁵ Rom 8:28. ⁶ Gen 18:14; Rom 8:31-39. ⁷ Mt 6:32, 33; 7:9-11.*)

Question 27: *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

Answer: God's providence is his almighty and ever present power,¹ whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,² and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,³ indeed, all things, come to us not by chance⁴ but by his fatherly hand.⁵ (*Jer 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28. 2 Heb 1:3. 3 Jer 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; Jn 9:3; Prov 22:2. 4 Prov 16:33. 5 Mt 10:29.*)

Memory Verse:

Psalm 62:1 - Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

Upcoming Sermon:

9/7/2025	-	Darrell Hee Preaching	-
9/14/2025	The Book of Matthew	Stretch Out Your Hand	Matthew 12:9-14

Missionary of the Month: This month, we are praying for Rose Ludwig, who serves with Cru in Vanuatu. Rose is reaching students and young adults with the gospel, helping them grow as disciples, and equipping them to impact their communities for Christ. To support mission partners like Rose, please mark "missions" on your tithing envelope.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - 8/31/25

- ❖ **Mahalo** for the altar flowers from Kit Sakurai in memory of David Pang & Stephen Sakurai.
- ❖ **Food Bank & Love Feast:** Next Sunday we will collect non-perishable items for the Kaumakapili Church Food Bank. We will also share in the monthly Love Feast at 11:30 AM in the Gym.
- ❖ **Labor Day:** The office will be closed on Tuesday, 9/2 for Labor Day.
- ❖ **WOW:** All women are invited to a 6-week Bible study, *Finding Peace Through Humility* by Joel Muddamalle, from the Book of Judges. Sessions are Saturdays, 9/6, 13, 20, 27, and 10/4, 11, 8–9:30AM in Rm 103.
- ❖ **New Sunday School Year:** Our new Sunday School year begins Sunday, 9/7. Children will sit with parents in Mandarin Worship until dismissal at 9:00 AM. Toddlers meet in Room 107, Grades K–2 in Room 202, Grades 3–5 in Room 310, and Youth (Grades 6–12) in Room 303.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast:** Join us for our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, 9/20, at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. Bring a dish to share!
- ❖ **79th Annual Missions Food and Craft Fair:** Save the dates!
Part 1 will be Saturday, October 4th, from 9AM–12PM in the MPR.
Part 2 will be Sunday, October 26th in the Gym & Sewing Room.
- ❖ **Autumn Fest:** Please join us on Saturday, November 8th, from 10 AM to 2 PM at The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawaii
🎯 Archery • 🏊 Water Slides • 🎈 Bounce House • ★ Talent Show & lots more!
- ❖ **Passing of Pastor Lilley's Mother:** We grieve with Pastor Lilley in the passing of his mother. He will be on the mainland September 2–11 to visit family and preach her memorial service. Please keep his family in prayer. Pastor Daryl Hee will lead Worship on Sunday, 9/7. There will be no English Tuesday Bible Study during that time, but English Friday Bible Study will continue, led by Norman Chock.
- ❖ **Parsonage Renovation:** Work on the church parsonage has begun and will continue for several months. This project will prepare the home for future ministry. Make checks payable to FCCC; memo line: "Capital Improvement Fund."

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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*"To run and work the law commands, but gives us neither feet nor hands.
But better news the gospel brings, it bids us fly and gives us wings."
- **John Bunyan***

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