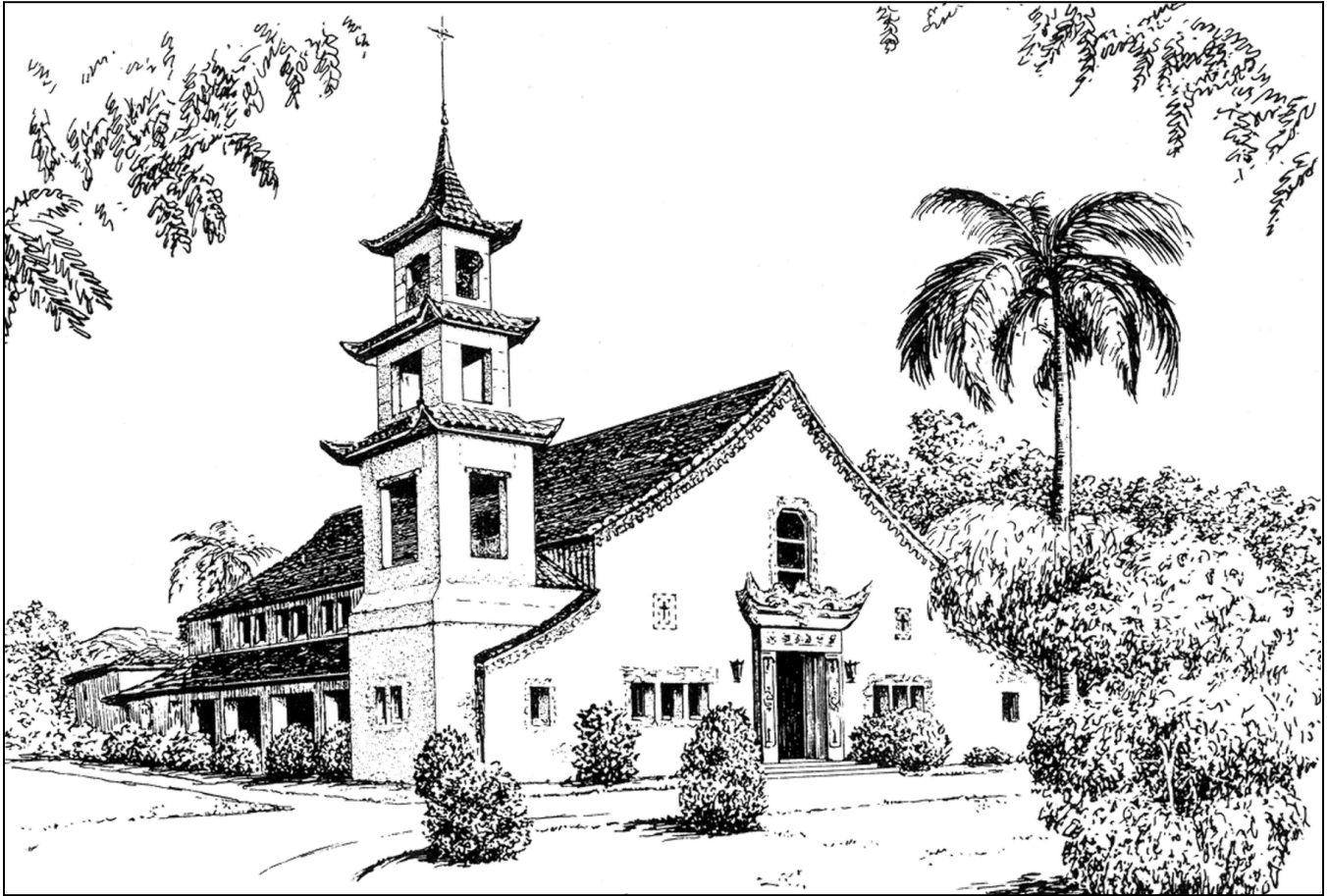


# THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



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

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP  
November 2, 2025

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1054 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

# WORSHIP SERVICE

November 2, 2025 – 10:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

*All Glory be to God on High*

Karl Bachman, Organist

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

David Huang

*Psalm 23*

## OPENING PRAYER

David Huang

## \*OPENING HYMN

Congregation

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (#435 Red Hymnal)

## SCRIPTURE READING

David Huang

*Revelation 7:9–17*

## \*SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

*Forever* (Chris Tomlin)

*How Great Is Our God* (Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Jesse Reeves)

## RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

David Huang

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

Praise Team

*My Peace* (Keith Routledge)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

David Huang

## SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

*When the World Falls Apart* — Psalm 46:1–11

## \*RESPONSE HYMN

Congregation

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (#43 Red Hymnal)

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| <b>PRAYER OF CONFESSION</b>                                        | Rev. Jonathan Lilley   |
| <b>ASSURANCE OF PARDON</b>                                         | Rev. Jonathan Lilley   |
| <b>THE LORD’S SUPPER</b>                                           | Rev. Jonathan Lilley   |
| <b>COMMUNION SONG</b>                                              | Praise Team            |
| <i>Oh Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)</i>                            |                        |
| <b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>                                      | Rev. Jonathan Lilley   |
| <b>REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED</b>                                    | Praise Team            |
| <i>Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone (John Newton/Chris Tomlin)</i> |                        |
| 1. Andrew Pung                                                     | 6. Ethel Tan           |
| 2. Diantha Leong                                                   | 7. James               |
| 3. Edwin Tam Jr.                                                   | Young                  |
| 4. Ernest Goo                                                      | 8. Jin Yee Fong        |
| 5. Erwin Fung                                                      | 9. Jocelyn Lum         |
|                                                                    | 10. Marvin Okumura     |
|                                                                    | 11. Owen Chock         |
|                                                                    | 12. Richard Yee        |
|                                                                    | 13. Russell Mun        |
|                                                                    | 14. Stephen Sakurai    |
|                                                                    | 15. Terumi Yoshida     |
|                                                                    | 16. Vickie Lilley      |
|                                                                    | 17. Yen Ja Yu          |
|                                                                    | 18. Yock Kook Fong     |
| <b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>                                              | Rev. Jonathan Lilley   |
| <b>*DOXOLOGY</b>                                                   |                        |
| <b>*BENEDICTION</b>                                                | Rev. Jonathan Lilley   |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                                    | Karl Bachman, Organist |
| <i>Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones</i>                                | David A. Schack (1971) |

## 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.*

# SERMON NOTES

*“When the World Falls Apart”*

*Matthew 13:24–43*

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Senior Pastor

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**Big Idea:** *Even when everything else collapses, God remains your refuge, your river, and your ruler.*

1. God is Our Refuge (vv. 1–3)

2. God is Our River (vv. 4–7)

3. God is Our Ruler (vv. 8–11)

## **Reflection Questions:**

- Where in your life right now do you most need to remember that God’s got this?
- What helps you experience God’s peace when your world feels chaotic?
- What would it look like for you to “be still and know that He is God” this week?

# DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

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## Heidelberg Catechism

**Question 44:** *Why is there added: He descended into hell?*

**Answer:** In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by His unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which He endured throughout all His sufferings<sup>[1]</sup> but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.<sup>[2]</sup> (<sup>[1]</sup> Ps. 18:5, 6; 116:3; Matt. 26:36-46; 27:45, 46; Heb. 5:7-10. <sup>[2]</sup> Is. 53).

**Question 45:** *How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

**Answer:** First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He could make us share in the righteousness which He had obtained for us by His death.<sup>[1]</sup> Second, by His power we too are raised up to a new life.<sup>[2]</sup> Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.<sup>[3]</sup> (<sup>[1]</sup> Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:16-20; I Pet. 1:3-5. <sup>[2]</sup> Rom. 6:5-11; Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 3:1-4. <sup>[3]</sup> Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:12-23; Phil. 3:20, 21.)

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## Memory Verse:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. — Psalm 46:1

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## Upcoming Sermon:

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| 11/9/2025  | The Book of Matthew | The Worth of the Kingdom     | 11/9/2025  |
| 11/16/2025 | The Book of Matthew | Compassion in the Wilderness | 11/16/2025 |

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**Missionary of the Month:** This month, we are praying for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Hawaii. This ministry is committed to the vision that every child on every island can hear the Gospel by the age of twelve. To support mission-partners like CEF of Hawaii, please mark "missions" on your tithing envelope.

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - 11/2/25

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- ❖ **Mahalo** to Liang Hong He for the altar flowers.
- ❖ **Missions Food and Craft Fair Update:** Thank you to everyone who supported the 79th Annual Missions Food & Craft Fair. A total of \$11,978.00 was raised! Monetary donations will continue to be accepted through the month of November. Make checks payable to Women's Fellowship – PTF.
- ❖ **Love Feast:** Join us today after Worship in the gym for our monthly Love Feast. This is a time to enjoy food, fellowship, and community together!
- ❖ **Worship Planning Meeting:** If you're involved in the Joint Worship Service on Nov. 16, please attend the planning meeting today after the English Worship Service (during the Love Feast) in the Conference Room. Thank you for helping make this special service possible!
- ❖ **Archery at the Autumn Fest:** All ages are invited to join On Target for Christ for a free archery shoot during the Autumn Fest on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the playground. See bulletin insert for details.
- ❖ **Forever Young at the Autumn Fest:** Help support River of Life Mission with our Forever Young Ministry by decorating 800 Grace2Go Snack Bags on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Thank you for serving!
- Forever Young Bag Packing, Lunch & Bingo Fun:** Forever Young will meet on Friday, Nov. 14 in the Multipurpose Room to pack Grace2Go Snack Bags for the *River of Life Mission*. After packing, you are invited to stay for lunch and Bingo Fun! Bring your own water and a Bingo Prize in a brown bag (value up to \$10). Sign up today on the Ewa lanai!
- ❖ **Ukulele Canceled 11/15:** Ukulele 'Ohana will not meet on Sat. Nov. 15th. Meetings will resume November 22nd.
- ❖ **Joint Service on November 16th:** A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025, following the 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service. The agenda includes the introduction and affirmation of 2026 Board nominations and approval of the proposed 2026 budget. Copies of the 2026 budget are available in the church office. There will be no Sunday School that day. Please see the insert for Church Board Candidate Profiles.
- ❖ **Poinsettias:** You may begin ordering poinsettias (8" pots) for Christmas!! Please sign up at the church office. Cost: \$20 per pot. Only 50 will be available – first come, first serve!

# STUDYING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

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## **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**

9:00–10:00 AM.....Children & Youth Sunday School (Founder's Hall)

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

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## 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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# Understanding the Symbols of the Service of Remembrance

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In this Service of Remembrance, we gather to honor and remember those who have passed away. Traditionally observed around All Saints' Day, this time invites us both to give thanks and to reflect on the reality of eternity. Some we remember today placed their trust in Christ, and others did not, yet we return to the central truth of the gospel—that real and lasting hope is found only in Him.

The candle and bell in this service express both the joy of life with Christ and the seriousness of eternity. Each candle we light represents Jesus, the Light of the World, who alone overcomes the darkness of sin and death. As we light a candle for each person, we proclaim that He is the source of life and salvation. For those who trusted Him, the flame celebrates the eternal life they now have. For others, it stands as a reminder that eternity is real and that all must trust in the Lord.

The ringing of the bell marks each life remembered. For believers, each toll celebrates a life made whole in the presence of Jesus. For those who did not believe, the bell calls us to consider the sobering reality of separation from God. Every ring invites reflection—that every life has value, that every choice carries eternal significance, and that salvation is found in Christ alone.

This Service of Remembrance invites us to pause—to give thanks for each life, to acknowledge our loss, and to rest in God's presence. As we remember, we look to Jesus, trusting Him to bring comfort, healing, and the assurance that His love endures beyond death.

"What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."

- **Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1 (Written in 1563)**



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