

The First Chinese Church of Christ In Hawai'i



*First Chinese Church of Christ
Honolulu, Hawaii*

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

Lord's Day, September 29, 2024
10:30 AM

Worship Service

September 29, 2024 – 10:30 AM
(*Congregation, please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Adagio

Karl Bachman, Organist
Roger Nyquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92

Anna Huang

OPENING PRAYER

Anna Huang

*OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
#2 Red Hymnal

Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anna Huang

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

*SONGS OF PRAISE

- 1. As The Deer* (Marty Nystrom)
- 2. Shout to the Lord* (Darlene Zschech)

Praise Team

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Anna Huang

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Praise Team

In His Time (Diane Ball)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Anna Huang

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

“Christ and the Fulfillment of the Law”

Matthew 5:17-20

***RESPONSE HYMN**

Congregation

Trust and Obey

#349 Red Hymnal

***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

Toccata in e minor

Karl Bachman, Organist
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

E Komo Mai

If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome Card" found in the pew and place it in the Koa Bowl located in the foyer at the front of the church. We could 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

“Christ and the Fulfillment of the Law”

Matthew 5:17-20

Big Idea: Jesus fulfilled the Law for us, freeing us from trying to earn righteousness and calling us to live in His grace.

1. The Law condemns heart-level sin (vs. 21-30)

2. The Law exposes our tendency to seek loopholes (vs. 31-42)

3. The Law shows our need for Christ (vs. 43-48).

Questions for Reflection:

1. In what areas of your life do you need to trust Jesus to transform your heart rather than trying to fix things on your own?
2. How can you actively pray for and love someone who has wronged or hurt you, as Jesus commands?
3. What does it look like to stop striving for perfection on your own and rest in Jesus' finished work?

Discipleship Helpsheet

Heidelberg Catechism (On the Apostles Creed)

Question 53: *What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?*

Answer: First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever. (Gen. 1:1-2; Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:3; Gal. 3:14; 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Rom. 8:15-16; 8:26-27)

Memory Verse:

Matthew 5:44 - But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Upcoming Sermon:

10/6/24	The Book of Matthew	I Say To You	Matthew 5:21-48
10/13/24	The Book of Matthew	Giving to the Needy	Matthew 6:1-4

Missionary of the Month:

This month, we are praying for Randy and Cheryl Lee, who encourage and equip Christian professors to fulfill God's calling in academia, aiming to move students and colleagues toward Jesus. At UCLA, they lead a biweekly group for prayer and discussion. They also connect with Christian professors at the University of Hawaii, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Northridge, and the Claremont Colleges. Their annual March Winds of Change seminar helps Christian professors stay informed on current issues and find ways to reach students and colleagues.

This Week's Announcements

9/29/24

- ❖ **Midweek Bible Studies:** Our Midweek Bible Studies are already underway, but it's not too late to join! We meet Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 AM in the Multi-purpose Room, or on Fridays at 6:45 PM for dinner with the Mandarin congregation, followed by Bible study at 7:30 PM in Room 303. Both sessions cover the same material, so feel free to choose the time that works best for you!
- ❖ **Archery Today:** Join us today in the preschool playground from 11:30am - 2:00pm for the On Target for Christ free archery shoot. All ages are welcome!
- ❖ **Forever Young (55 and better):** Bring a friend and join us for Bingo and Chili Tasting on Friday, October 11, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Don't forget to check the insert for details and sign up for the Chili Potluck on the Ewa Lanai!
- ❖ **WOW:** The Women of Worship (WOW) Bible Study on the Book of James has begun! Sessions will take place every Saturday from 8:00-9:30 AM in Founders Hall, Room 307, through November 2. If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Kwock or Jolene Lau.
- ❖ **Missions Craft Fair (Part 1):** Mark your calendars for Part 1 of our Missions Craft Fair, happening on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room (MPR). You'll find a variety of handcrafted items, baked goods, and greeting cards for sale. Be sure to stop by and support this great event!
- ❖ **The 78th Annual Missions Food and Craft Fair 2024:** Sunday, October 27, is Missions Sunday! We will have a missionary speaker in both the Chinese and English worship services, followed by the 78th Annual Missions Food and Craft Fair. More information can be found at the welcome table in the foyer. Benefit lunch tickets are now on sale. If you are able to make or bake foods to sell at the fair, please sign up on the Ewa Lanai.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Men are invited to our new Men's Bible Study Breakfast, which begins on Saturday, October 19. This monthly gathering will be held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:00 AM in the Conference Room. Feel free to bring a friend! Fruit and donuts will be provided.

Studying the Bible Together

Tuesday

9:00–10:00 AM..... Midweek Morning Bible Study (Master’s Hall, MPR Rm)
Explaining Christianity: The Book of Mark

Friday

6:45 PM.....Dinner (w/ Mandarin congregation)
7:30–8:30 PM.....Midweek Evening Bible Study (Founder’s Hall, Rm 303)
Explaining Christianity: The Book of Mark

Saturday

8:00–9:30 AM.....Women of Worship Bible Study: (Founder’s Hall, Rm 307)
The Book of James (Contact: Bernie Kwock or Jolene Lau)

Sunday

8:45–10:00 AM.....Children and Youth Sunday School (Founder’s Hall, Various Rooms)
9:00–10:00 AM.....Adult Sunday School (Master’s Hall, MPR Rm)
Living by God's Law: Exploring the Ten Commandments

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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