

THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



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

Lord's Day, September 14, 2025
10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 14, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Prelude and Pasticcio

Karl Bachman, Organist
Jean Langlais (1907 - 1991)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minh Chun

Psalms 19:7–14

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Minh Chun

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

Refiners Fire
Grace that is Greater

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

God's Promise to Abraham
Genesis 15:1–6

PRAYER OF PETITION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

HYMN

Congregation

Seek Ye First (Red Hymnal #42)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minh Chun

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Team

King of Kings

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minh Chun

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

"Stretch out Your Hand"
Matthew 12:9-14

RESPONSE HYMN

Congregation

How Great Thou Art (#4)

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

Lift High the Cross

Karl Bachman, Organist
John Leavitt

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

"Stretch Out Your Hand"

Matthew 12:9-14

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Senior Pastor

Big Idea: To resist Jesus is to remain withered; to trust Him is to be made whole.

1. The System We Build (vv. 9–10)
2. The Savior Who Restores (vv. 11–13)
3. The Showdown We Face (v. 14)

Reflection Questions:

- Where in your life are you tempted to measure yourself (or others) by rules instead of resting in Christ's finished work?
- What "boxes" are you still trying to carry on your own instead of letting Jesus take the weight?
- What would it look like this week to stretch out your "withered hand" to Jesus in trust?

DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 30: *Do those who seek their salvation or well-being in saints, in themselves, or anywhere else, also believe in the only Saviour Jesus?*

Answer: No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Saviour Jesus.¹ For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Saviour, or those who by true faith accept this Saviour must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.² (¹ 1 Cor 1:12, 13; Gal 5:4. ² Col 1:19, 20; 2:10; 1 Jn 1:7.)

Question 31: *Why is he called Christ, that is, Anointed?*

Answer: Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit,¹ to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,² who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;³ our only High Priest,⁴ who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us,⁵ and who continually intercedes for us before the Father;⁶ and our eternal King,⁷ who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.⁸ (¹ Ps 45:7 (Heb 1:9); Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18); Lk 3:21, 22. ² Deut 18:15 (Acts 3:22). ³ Jn 1:18; 15:15. ⁴ Ps 110:4 (Heb 7:17). ⁵ Heb 9:12; 10:11-14. ⁶ Rom 8:34; Heb 9:24; 1 Jn 2:1. ⁷ Zech 9:9 (Mt 21:5); Lk 1:33. ⁸ Mt 28:18-20; Jn 10:28; Rev 12:10, 11.)

Memory Verse:

Psalms 46:1 - Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Upcoming Sermon:

9/21/2025	9/21/2025	The Book of Matthew	The Servant King
9/28/2025	9/28/2025	The Book of Matthew	Kingdom Clarity

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 - 9/14/25

- ❖ **Mahalo for the Altar Flowers** from Gloria and Wayne Zane in memory of Nancy and George Zane.
- ❖ **A Note of Thanks from Pastor Lilley and Family:** Our family would like to thank our church 'ohana for the many gifts, cards, and expressions of love following the passing of my mother. Your kindness and prayers have brought comfort and strength during this difficult season. Thank you for your support! - *The Lilley Family*
- ❖ **Forever Young Ministry Seminar:** Rev. Lilley will teach a seminar called "All about Heaven" on Friday, 9/19 at 10AM in the MPR room. A potluck lunch will follow, featuring blessed appetizers, heavenly casseroles, and angelic desserts. Today is the final day to sign up!
- ❖ **WOW:** All women are invited to a six-week Bible study, *Finding Peace Through Humility* by Joel Muddamalle, based on Judges. Sessions meet Saturdays, 9/20, 27, 10/4, and 10/11, from 8–9:30 AM in Room 103.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast:** Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, 9/20 at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. Bring a dish to share!
- ❖ **Bible Studies Resume This Week:** With Rev. Lilley's return from Virginia, our weekly Bible studies and Sunday School have resumed. Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 9–10 AM in the MPR. Friday Night English Bible Study meets from 7:30–8:30 PM in Founder's Hall, Room 303. English Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays from 9–10 AM in the MPR. Join us as we grow together in God's Word!
- ❖ **Missions Food & Craft Fair:** Part 1 of Missions Food & Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, 10/4 from 9AM-Noon in the MPR. Handcrafted items, baked goods, greeting cards, and more will be available. Please plan to attend!
- ❖ **Livestream Instructions** Our worship services are livestreamed each Sunday. To access the livestream on a computer, go to firstchinese.org, place your mouse over the Media menu at the top of the page, and click Livestream. On a mobile phone or tablet, open your web browser and visit firstchinese.org. Tap the three-line menu icon in the corner, select Media, and then tap Livestream.
- ❖ **August Financial Summary** Total Receipts: \$51,465.29 Total Expenses: \$130,073.25 Net Loss: (\$78,607.96) Please note that August expenses included significant investment in the parsonage renovation project.

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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We must rest from our works in order that God may work in us.
- John Calvin

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