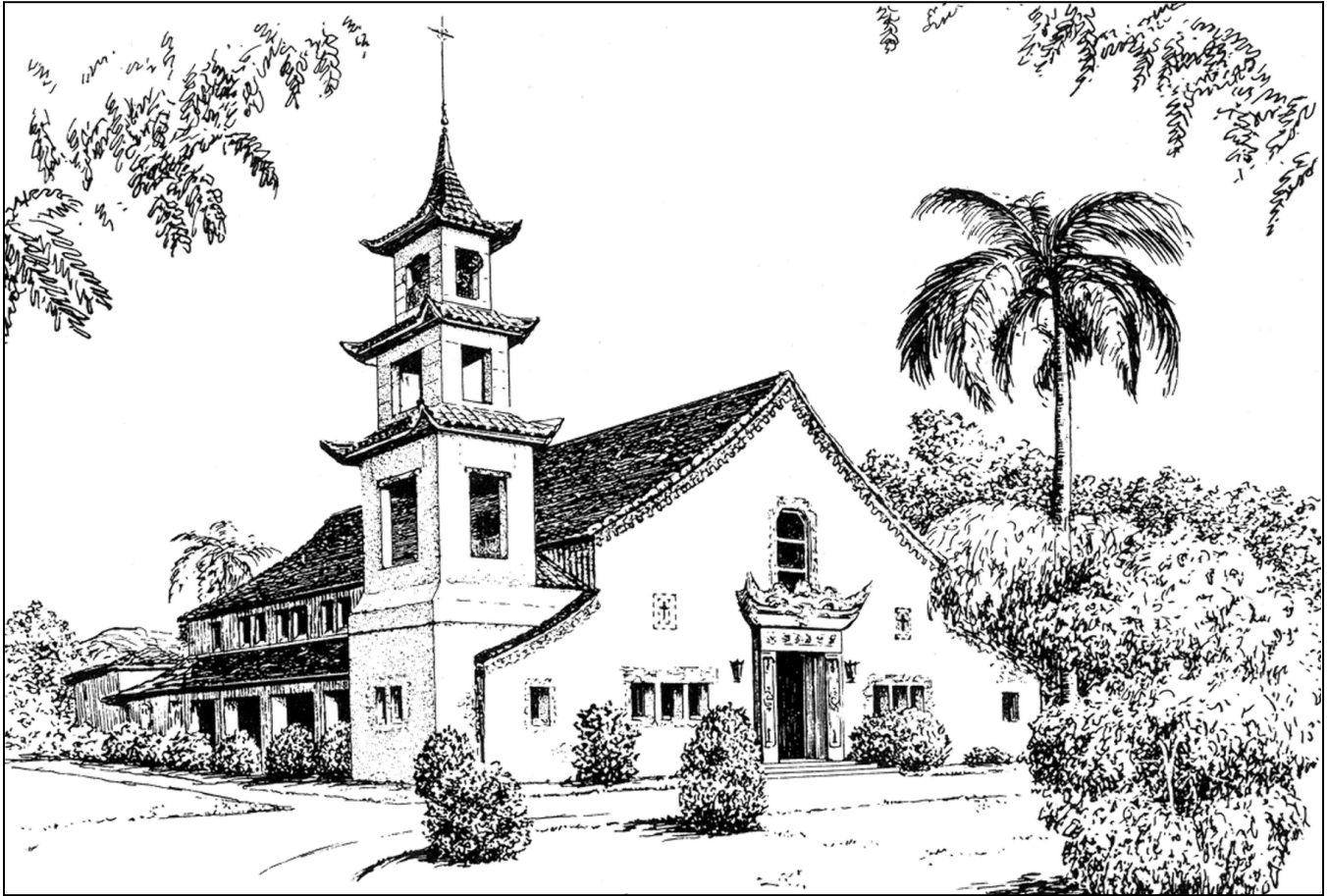


THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



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

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
October 19, 2025

1054 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 19, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Song

Karl Bachman, Organist

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nicole Zhai

Psalm 90: 1-2

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Nicole Zhai

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

Holy Forever (Chris Tomlin, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson & Jason Ingram)

As the Deer (Marty Nystrom)

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

2 Samuel 7:1-17 — God's Promise to David

PRAYER OF PETITION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

HYMN

Congregation

Just As I Am (#342 Red Hymnal)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Nicole Zhai

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Team

Seek Ye First (Karen Lafferty)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nicole Zhai

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

"Weeds and Wheat"
Matthew 13:24–43

RESPONSE HYMN

Congregation

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#2 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

Gaitilla de mano izquierda

Karl Bachman, Organist
Sebastián Durón (d. 1716)

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

"Weeds and Wheat"

Matthew 13:24-43

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Senior Pastor

Big Idea: *Because Jesus is the sovereign King of the field, We should trust His plan, proclaim His kingdom, and place our hope in His harvest.*

1. Christ Owns the Field & Sows the Seed (Matt. 13:24-25, 37-39)
2. Christ Rules the Field with Patient Power (Matt. 13:26-30, 31-35)
3. Christ Will Bring a Final Harvest (Matt. 13:30, 39-43)

Reflection Questions:

- What does it look like to trust Christ's timing rather than forcing change?
How should the certainty of the final harvest affect how we live now?
- What ordinary, faithful practices help you stay rooted where God has planted you?

DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 40: *Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?*

Answer: Because of the justice and truth of God¹ satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.² (¹ Gen 2:17. 2 Rom 8:3; Phil 2:8; Heb 2:9, 14, 15.)

Question 41: *Why was he buried?*

Answer: His burial testified that he had really died.¹ (¹ Is 53:9; Jn 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor 15:3, 4.)

Memory Verse:

Galatians 6:9 - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Upcoming Sermon:

10/26/2025	Missions Sunday	Guest Preacher	–
11/2/2025	Service of Remembrance	When The World Falls Apart	Psalms 46:1-11

Missionary of the Month: This month, we are praying for the UCC Transition House in Honolulu, Hawai'i, which provides shelter and care for those in crisis while sharing the hope of the gospel. To support mission partners like the Transition House, please mark "missions" on your tithing envelope.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - 10/19/25

- ❖ **Mahalo for the Altar Flowers** from Sharon Chun.
- ❖ **Board Meeting:** There will be a Board Meeting today at 12PM in the MPR.
- ❖ **The 79th Annual Missions Food & Craft Fair:** Next Sunday, October 26, is Missions Sunday! We are excited to welcome Matt Walton of Child Evangelism Fellowship, who will be sharing in our English service. Following the service, we'll gather for the Missions Food & Craft Fair. You can purchase your Mix Plate ticket and sign up to donate baked goods on the Ewa Lanai today. Please note, there will be no English Adult Sunday School class on this day.
- ❖ **Archery:** All ages are invited to join On Target for Christ, a free archery fellowship, on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10am-2pm in the playground.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast:** Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, 11/15 at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. Bring a dish to share!
- ❖ **Remembrance Day Service:** On Sunday, Nov. 2, during our 10:30 AM Worship Service, we will honor those who have passed away this year. To have a candle lit for someone who passed between November 2024 and November 2025, notify the office by October 30th <office@firstchinese.org>.
- ❖ **Park at Kaiser:** Kaiser's parking garage is available FREE of charge on Sundays. If the entrance arm is down, take a ticket upon entering; payment is not required. Either exit—the Pensacola side or S. King Street—may be used, and the arm will be raised. Kaiser elevators may be used to access and return from the garage. Please take advantage of this option for parking if you are able to!
- ❖ **Parsonage Renovation:** The parsonage renovation is underway! Donating an extra amount to either the General Fund or Capital Improvement Fund will help in supporting this important project.
- ❖ **Autumn Fest:** Everyone is invited to join us for the First Chinese Church Autumn Fest on Saturday, 11/8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. Don't miss this exciting community celebration!

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

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)

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 shall not grow weary of waiting upon God if we remember how long
and how graciously He once waited for us.”*
— **Charles Spurgeon**



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