

THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I

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GRADUATION SUNDAY

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

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

1054 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 31, 2026 – 10:30 AM | First Sunday After Pentecost | Trinity Sunday

PRELUDE

Karl Bachman, Organist

We All Believe in One True God

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

Lana Alesna

Happy Graduation Sunday! Welcome to the gathering of The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawai'i! If you're visiting with us today, we're so glad you're here. Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor's Card in the pew in front of you and drop it in the koa bowl at the front or during the offering. We would love to get to know you!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lana Alesna

Our Call to Worship today comes from **Psalms 29:1-4** (ESV):

- 1** Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- 3** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- 4** The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Let us worship together in prayer.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lana Alesna

God of Glory, we ascribe to You glory and strength this morning.

We worship You in the splendor of holiness. We acknowledge that Your voice is powerful and full of majesty. Speak to us today, Lord, over the noise of our lives. We humble ourselves before Your greatness.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

*Everlasting God
I Stand In Awe*

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Rev. George Nagato

(You may be seated.)

GRADUATES

Lana Alesna

1. **Breanna Chun** is a graduate of the University of Hawaii with a BS in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Sciences. She will attend the University of Puget Sound for a Master's in Occupational Therapy. Her grandparents were Nicholas and Alice Chun, and her aunt is Claire Chun.
2. **Codey Chun** is a graduate of Hawaii Baptist Academy and will be attending Oregon State University. His parents are Cody & Candace Chun. Grandparents are Sharlene and Raynard Chun; and he is the nephew of the late Milton Yee.
3. **Emma Chun** is graduating from Iolani School and will be attending Cornell University. Her parents are Dr. Jeremy & Ethel Chun. Grandparents are Sharlene and Raynard Chun; and she is the niece of the late Milton Yee.
4. **Kahu Daryl Hee** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pacific Rim Christian University with a Bachelor of Theology.
5. **Anna Huang** is a graduate of Kaiser High School. She will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her parents are Fenfang & Philip Huang.
6. **Liana Kahikina-Lou** graduated from Kamehameha School. She will be attending University of Hawaii in Manoa. Her parents are Carlton & Krissy Lou. Her grandmother is Bobbiette Tamura.
7. **Ernest Lee** graduated from Mililani High School. He will be attending Seattle University. His parents are Matthew and Jennifer Lee. His grandparents are Elvin and Marlene Lee.

8. **Raiden Scharsch** is graduating from Elsinore High School. His grandparents are George & Jamie Simao.
9. **Lucy Sun** will be graduating from Seattle University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. Her parents are Xiaoping Wang & Xuegang Sun.
10. **Samantha Timmons** graduated from Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Texas. She plans to pursue a degree in engineering while continuing her passion for riding her horses. Samantha is the daughter of Lori and Kevin Timmons, of Southlake, Texas. She is also the granddaughter of Ginny Young and the grandniece of Gloria Young.
11. **Kathlyn Toyota** graduated from the University of Hawaii College of Engineering. Her parents are Wesley & Lesley Toyota. Her grandparents are Lynn & Gloriette Zane.
12. **Kelsey Zane** is graduating from University of Washington with a degree in Molecular Biology. She will be attending Mississippi State University for a P.h.D in Developmental Biology. Her parents are Christopher & Karie Zane. Her grandparents are Lynn & Gloriette Zane.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

HYMN

Karl Bachman, Organist

Holy, Holy, Holy! (#262, Red Hymnal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lana Alesna

You may be seated. Let's take a moment to go over our weekly announcements.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Lana Alesna

Now, let us worship God through the giving of our tithes and offerings. Ushers, you may come forward.

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to give online, scan the QR code or you may visit <https://www.firstchinese.org/go/>.



SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Team

Times of Refreshing

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lana Alesna

Let us bow our heads.

Heavenly Father, everything we have is a gift from You. Thank You for entrusting us with Your blessings. Help us to be faithful stewards of these resources. May these gifts support the work of this church and bring glory to Your name.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen. Please stand for the Doxology.

DOXOLOGY

Karl Bachman, Organist

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.

ALOHA TIME

Lana Alesna

Let's take a moment to greet those around us, welcome someone new or reconnect with someone familiar.

SERMON

Rev. George Nagato

Living a Legacy

Response Hymn

Karl Bachman, Organist

O Worship the King (#10, Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

Rev. George Nagato

POSTLUDE

Karl Bachman, Organist

We All Believe in One True God

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen (1902-1973)

LIVING A LEGACY

The Great Commandment (Mk. 12:30-31)

The Great Commission (Mtt. 28:18-20)

I. _____ THE BATON WITH _____

I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future (Jer. 29:11). So now, I am sending you (Moses) to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt (Ex. 3:10).

II. _____ WITH THE BATON WITH _____

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:9-10). Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes (Isa. 54:2).

- The goal of the race is not to earn God's favor. The goal is to become more like Christ.
- The baton is not doing good works. The baton is Christ at work in me and through me to the world.

- Receiving the baton is not simply accepting a task to do for God. Receiving the baton is inviting God to work in me and through me.
- The race is not my lifelong efforts of doing good works to earn God's love. The race is the process of becoming like the one I'm running toward, Jesus Christ.
- The exchange zone is not where I come for more works to do. The exchange zone is the transformation zone. It is where I show up, ready and willing for the next baton—the next work of God in me and through me to the world SO THAT my transformation to Christlikeness continues.
- Releasing the baton is not ceasing doing good works to do for God. Releasing the baton is inviting God to work in and through someone else.

III. _____ **THE BATON WITH** _____

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness (Psa. 145:4-7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Altar Flowers**

Mahalo for this week's altar flowers from Lovey and Al Saludares.

● **Search and Call Update**

The FCCC Board is excited to announce that Kahu Daryl Hee will be joining us as our Bridge Pastor, beginning June 1st! Please extend a warm, heartfelt aloha to Kahu Daryl as he steps into this role to guide, shepherd, and support our congregation during this season of transition. We are truly blessed to have him share his gifts, wisdom, and leadership with our church community.

- **UCC Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering**

You can still donate to Strengthen the Church! Make checks payable to FCC; memo: STC. The funds support leadership development, youth ministry, and innovation in UCC churches.

- **Food Bank Collection (1st Sun. of every month)**

Next Sunday, we will collect non-perishable food items for the Kaumakapili Church Food Bank.

- **June 14th: Joint Worship & Anniversary Lunch**

Join us for a joint English/Mandarin Worship Service on Sunday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate FCCC's 147th Anniversary! Following the Worship service, everyone is invited to a special Anniversary Lunch in the Master's Hall Gym. Sign up on the Ewa Lanai by June 7. The cost is \$3 per person. Please note: There will be NO Love Feast on June 7th, and No 8:35 a.m. service or Sunday School on June 14th.

- **WOW**

All women are welcome to the upcoming Women of Worship Bible Study, "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table," by Louie Giglio via Study Gateway. Six Saturdays: June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11. Meet in Founders Hall rm. 103 from 8:00a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



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