

THE FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HAWAI'I



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

Lord's Day, September 21, 2025
10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 21, 2025 – 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

Karl Bachman, Organist

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minh Chun

Psalm 27:1–6

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Minh Chun

SHARING ALOHA

Congregation

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise Team

1. Awesome Is the Lord Most High

(Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Cary Pierce and Jon Able)

2. Because He Lives (Bill & Gloria Gaither)

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Genesis 37:3–8, 17b–22, 26–34; 50:15–21

God Works through Joseph

PRAYER OF PETITION

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

HYMN

Congregation

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Red Hymnal #43)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minh Chun

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Team

I Will Serve You (William J. Gaither)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minh Chun

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

"The Servant King"
Matthew 12:15–21

RESPONSE HYMN

Congregation

Jesus Paid It All (#210)

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

Praise to the Lord

Karl Bachman, Organist
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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

"The Servant King"

Matthew 12:15–21

Rev. Jonathan Lilley

Senior Pastor

Big Idea: *Jesus is God's chosen servant who tenderly sustains the weak until he brings justice to victory.*

1. The Servant Sustains the Weak (vs. 12:15–16, 20a)
2. The Servant Advances God's Justice (vs. 12:18, 20b)
3. The Servant Extends God's Hope (vs. 12:19, 21)

Reflection Questions:

- Where in your life do you feel most like a "bruised reed" or a "smoldering wick"?
- How does Jesus' gentleness toward the weak reshape your view of God's character?
- How does the certain dawn of Christ's justice give you endurance for today?

DISCIPLESHIP HELPSHEET

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 32: *Why are you called a Christian?*

Answer: Because by faith I am a member of Christ¹ and so I share in his anointing.² I am anointed to confess his name,³ to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,⁴ to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life,⁵ and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.⁶ (¹ 1 Cor. 12:12-27 ² Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28); 1 John 2:27 ³ Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10; Heb. 13:15 ⁴ Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9 ⁵ Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:18-19 ⁶ Matt. 25:34; 2 Tim. 2:12)

Question 33: *Why is he called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?*

Answer: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.¹ We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.² (¹ John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Heb. 1 ² John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Eph. 1:5-6)

Memory Verse:

Isaiah 40:31 — *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."*

Upcoming Sermon:

9/28/2025	The Book of Matthew	Kingdom Clarity	Matthew 12:22–37
10/5/2025	The Book of Matthew	The Sign and the Family	Matthew 12:38–50

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 - 9/21/25

- ❖ **Mahalo for the Altar Flowers** from Evy & Wayne Fujikane and from Karen Chang in memory of Victor Chang.
- ❖ **Board Meeting:** There will be a Board Meeting today at 12PM in the MPR.
- ❖ **WOW:** All women are invited to a six-week Bible study, *Finding Peace Through Humility* by Joel Muddamalle, based on Judges. Sessions meet Saturdays, 9/27, 10/4, and 10/11, from 8–9:30 AM in Room 103.
- ❖ **MFCF 2025:** Mix plate ticket sales will begin today through October 19th on the Ewa lanai. Cost is \$12.00. Thank you for your continued support of the Women's Fellowship - PTF.
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast:** Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, 10/18 at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room. Bring a dish to share!
- ❖ **Weekday Bible Studies:** 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 (except the last Friday of the month). English Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays from 9–10 AM in the MPR. Join us as we grow together in God's Word!
- ❖ **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.

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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Are you bruised? Be of good comfort, He calls you. Conceal not your wounds, open all before Him and take not Satan's counsel.

- Richard Sibbs, The Bruised Reed, 1630

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