Community Church of Honolulu
United Church of Christ

December 19th, 2021
Keiki Christmas Sunday

“A COVID Christmas”

The Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

MISSION STATEMENT
Through God’s Grace we enable our members to grow and serve the whole community with Christ’s love.
Click to Worship: https://youtu.be/ohoqach1pHM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOMING MUSIC

Hari Bayani

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUNDING OF THE PU

Brent Uyeno and Preston Lum

In ancient Jerusalem, a ram's horn was sounded for the call to worship and in ancient Hawai`i, the Pu was sounded to proclaim the presence of the King. We sound the Pu as the call to worship and to remind us that the King of Kings is present.

PRELUDE

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” Megan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cassera: Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.
All: Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life.
Cassera: Already, joy is abounding, and love is flowing.
All: For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.
Cassera: Let all God’s children rejoice in their king.
All: Let God’s children sing the songs of praise!
Cassera: Let God’s children tell the stories of old!
All: Out of the mouths of children we find the peace and the presence of God.
Cassera: Listen for God today in the words of the children;
All: Let God spill out of them and into our hearts!

INVOCATION

“The Advent of Our God”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Rev: In a world of darkness, we have seen a great light!
All: We join with our siblings around the world, lighting candles to guide our steps in this Advent journey.
Rev: Today we light the candle of LOVE;
All: Love that first came in the form of a tiny baby resting in a manger.
Rev: Make our hearts the manger of Your love, O God!
All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!
“This is my command to you – love one another as I have loved you.” – John 15:12

ADVENT PRAYER
Circle us, O God. Circle this world with Your love. Create a desire to listen to the Advent message that begins in the tiny cries of a newborn babe. Stir a willingness to understand and respond; to reach out for a taste of the love that You have for us. God of all creation, Giver of our salvation, encircle Your people with a love that knows no beginning nor end; a love that simply, “was;” bringing forth all whom You love. And, let us share that love in our Advent waiting and watching; Amen.

OPENING HYMN
“Away In A Manger”

The Taba ‘Ohana

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 9: 2-7 (NIV)

Megan

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gentle God, Your very name is that of Love. You chose to love each and every one of us before our being was created, before a word passed our lips, before we grew to become who we are in this world, even before we chose to love You. It is with this very same love that we are called to love one another. Remove any conditions that we hold close in fear, and any divisions that form because we refuse to seek understanding. The love that radiates
from our inmost being lead us toward each other, seeking unity, communion and acceptance as one people of God; Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Beloved children of God, God has heard our prayers and assures us through faith and through scripture that we are a forgiven and beloved people. Let us live like we are loved! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE “Ka Mele Ho`omaika`i” (Doxology)
Ho`onani i ka Makua mau Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Ke Ke`iki me ka `Uhana nō Praise Him all creatures here below
Ke Akua mau ho`omaika`i pū Praise him above ye heavenly host1
Kō kēia ao, Kō kēlā ao. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2: 1-7 (NIV) Aidan

PRAISE SONG “Spirit of the Living God”
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

OUR YOUTH PRESENT “A COVID Christmas”

MUSICAL REFLECTION “When We’re Together” Amy and Kacie

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (In Unison) Written by Luke and Erin
Dear God, I pray for much love to be shared within this blessed house of ours, and that, whatever happens, we will stick together through the hard times and turn the lows into highs. Dear God, I pray for endless kindness to spread throughout the world each and every day; and not only do you love everyone equally, but that everyone feels equally loved; Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Use these, or whichever words are meaningful for you)
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever; Amen.
SENDING FORTH HYMN  “Joy To The World”  

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

BENEDICTION  

THE QUEEN’S PRAYER  
O kou a-lo-ha no  Your loving mercy  
A-i-a i ka La-ni,  Is as high as heaven  
A`o kou oi-a i-o  And your truth  
He he-mo-le-le ho`i. Amene  So perfect. Amen

POSTLUDE  “People Look East”  

Hari Bayani
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We truly appreciate your continued support during this difficult time. If you are looking for a way to send in your offering or make a donation, please consider giving online at cchonolulu.org, or, mailing your gift to our office at:

Community Church of Honolulu
2345 Nu‘uanu Ave
Honolulu, HI 96817

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HONOLULU IS (mostly) OPEN!!!
We welcome our church family and visitors to once again worship together.

This is an exciting reminder that you are invited to join us for in-person worship this month at 9am in the sanctuary at CCH! Pastor Holly is home, on-island and will be leading us for worship through the New Year! There is no reservation needed, please come and worship together.

The COVID team has been hard at work making the sanctuary safe for us all to gather. The sanctuary has been completely cleaned, we have socially distanced seating, masks and sanitizer are available, and there will be contact tracing for your added protection.

In-Person Events (subject to change)
12/19/2021 9:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE FEATURING OUR YOUTH VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
12/24/2021 7:00pm - CCH CHRISTMAS EVE IN-PERSON SERVICE
12/26/2021 9:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE
1/2/2022 9:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE

Anyone with signs or symptoms of infectious illness should stay home and enjoy virtual options of the Community Church of Honolulu.

For those of you unable to make it church, or if you do not feel comfortable meeting in-person quite yet, Pastor Holly will still be pre-recording a virtual worship service each week. The link will be sent to your email as usual.

Aloha Hour: There will be no virtual Aloha Hour this month. Because we are trying to be both in-person and virtual for worship, we will be unable to have Aloha Hour virtually (or in-person). Keep a look out for other fellowship opportunities to come!
*Olelo Cable Television*

Community Church of Honolulu is on 'Olelo! Spread the word to those who are unable to worship with technology that we can worship together, STATE WIDE, on ‘Olelo, channel 55.

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*Teri Pork Plate Pick-up Today*

 Please remember to pick up your pre-ordered Teri Pork Plates in the drive-through Aloha Hour TODAY from 10:00-11:00.

*Family Promise & Ryse Donation Collections*

TODAY (December 19) from 9 - 11 am

Bring to in-person service at 9 am, or

Drop off during Christmas lunch pick up 10-11 am
Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (NIV)
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Luke 2: 1-7 (NIV)
In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register.
So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
Blissful Calypso Christmas

FREE

Voices of Aloha
Christmas Ensemble
Angie Delight, Director

Sunday, December 26, 2021
5 PM
Waialae Baptist Church
1047 21st Avenue

For info call: 808-256-1414

Please wear your mask.
If Unvaccinated, please provide recent NEGATIVE Covid Test.
Home test OK.
Limited tests available at the Door.