

### **Nai'ali'i Valera (Young Adult Representative)**

Nai'ali'i ('o ia/she/her) is a Hawaiian-Filipino-Peruvian Trans Māhū Wahine from Hawai'i. She is an 'ōlelo Hawai'i student and educator working in behavioral therapy for youth, and she has been a committed member of Calvary By The Sea alongside her partner Christina for over a year. Nai'ali'i is deeply passionate about 'ōlelo Hawai'i, the protection and preservation of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and sharing love with all. She, like her 'ohana at Calvary, values aloha, empathy, kindness, inclusion, and family. In the angels of Calvary, Nai'a has found an 'ohana through God's grace, who have accepted her and Christina with open arms and warm hearts. She has contributed meaningfully in 'ōlelo Hawai'i to CBTS through scripture, sermon, and shared stories with our community. She has contributed especially in helping raise a voice for the Hawaiian people at CBTS, uplifting the Kanaka perspective and sharing culture with Calvary. She has also contributed meaningfully to the children and youth programs at Calvary, where with her passion for children's education, she has supported the youth and keiki at CBTS in their journeys in faith. In these coming years, Nai'ali'i hopes to continue to share love, joy, and acceptance with all community, and she is committed to a future of our church rooted in love, grace, and acceptance for all. She dreams of sharing the true message of unconditional love of CBTS to all that we may serve in these coming years together as an 'ohana. E ola ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i, Mahalo e Ke Akua!