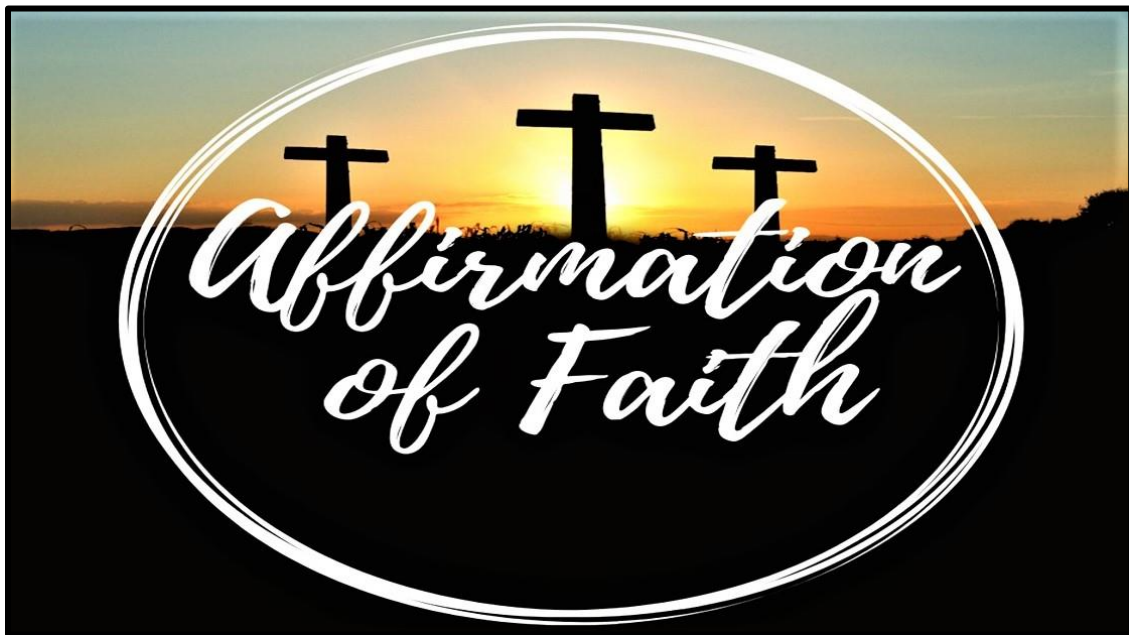


*1st Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2020*



*The Kona United Methodist Church welcomes
ALL people with no judgments of your history or place in life.*

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church is
to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

*The Vision of Kona United Methodist Church is
growing disciples through worship, outreach,
and living the gospel.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP- ONLINE

December 27, 2020

8:30am / 10:00am

WELCOME / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES / *GREETINGS

Joyce Brady, English Language Ministry Lay Leader

GATHERING SONG

“Sanctuary”

TFWS 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.**

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CALL TO CARE-O-LING

Initiation

Rev. Dr. Ahn

Prayer for Care-O-Ling

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to You in His name. Guide us by Your Holy Christmas Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve Your will and show Your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH 230

- 1. O Little Town of Bethlehem, / how still we see thee lie; / above thy deep and dreamless sleep / the silent stars go by. / Yet in thy dark streets shineth / the everlasting light; / the hopes and fears of all the years / are met in thee tonight.**
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary, / and gathered all above, / while mortals sleep, the angels keep / their watch of wondering love. / O morning stars together, / proclaim the holy birth, / and praises sing to God the King, / and peace to all on earth!**
- 3. How silently, how silently, / the wondrous gift is given; / so God imparts to human hearts / the blessings of his heaven. / No ear may hear his coming, / but in this world of sin, / where meek souls will receive him, still / the dear Christ enters in.**
- 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, / descend to us, we pray; / cast out our sin, and enter in, / be born in us today. / We hear the Christmas angels / the great glad tidings tell; / O come to us, abide with us, / our Lord Emmanuel!**

CARE FOR THE WORLD

Alice Morris

Stating the Reality & Prayer for the World

God our Creator, You made all things in Your wisdom, and in Your love. We pray for the whole creation—the world You have created. Overthrow evil powers in this world, right what is wrong, feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice, so that all Your children may freely enjoy the world you have made, and joyfully sing Your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARE FOR THE CHURCH

Tim Brady

Stating the Reality & Prayer for the Church

Gracious God, You have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together, and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. So that, all may witness Your presence with us, turn to Your ways, and live in the light of Your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARE FOR THE SICK & THOSE WHO CONCERN

Les Miller

Sharing 'Ohana Concerns & Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

(sing 2 times)

**“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”
Oh God we greet you
with open hearts, open minds, open doors.
Each day we seek you
with open hearts, open minds, open doors.
Each day we need you. Each day we greet you.
Each day we seek you. Enter our hearts today.**

CARE FOR ONESELF & OTHERS

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Mark Russell

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Reflection

“The Affirmation of Faith”

Rev. Dr. Ahn @ 8:30am
Bishop Grant Hagiya @ 10am

HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

UMH 224

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice / with heart and soul and voice; / give ye heed to what we say: News, news! / Jesus Christ is born today! / Ox and ass before him bow, / and he is in the manger now. / Christ is born today, / Christ is born today!**
- 2. Good Christian friends, rejoice / with heart and soul and voice; / now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! / Jesus Christ was born for this! / He hath opened heaven’s door, / and ye are blest forevermore. / Christ was born for this, / Christ was born for this!**
- 3. Good Christian friends, rejoice / with heart and soul and voice; / now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! / Jesus Christ was born to save! / Calls you one and calls you all / to gain his everlasting hall. / Christ was born to save, / Christ was born to save!**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

You are encouraged to mail your offering to the church office OR set up electronic giving (Online Giving).

Please visit our website (konaumc.com) or contact Bill Jaeger.

BENEDICTION

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Thank you for worshipping with us. E Komo Mai & Mahalo!

During the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, we are adjusting the ways we do “church” together until further notice:

- **SUNDAY IN-PERSON “DRIVE-IN” WORSHIP @ 8:30AM:** You can join the service through Radio Frequency 1650 AM in the church parking-lot OR via ZOOM-Live (Meeting ID: 868 6074 9246; Password: KUMC) wherever you are. You may also just call 669-900-9128 for ZOOM-Live audio only with Meeting ID: 868 6074 9246 and Passcode: 514383.
- **SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP @ 10AM (Hawaii Time):** Join KUMC Online Worship, which you can find on our church website (konaumc.com) under the News & Events section in the Video Gallery or join Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/konaumc>).
- **SUNDAY TONGAN ONLINE WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE @ 11AM (Except for the 1st Sunday of the month)**
- **SUNDAY ONLINE CHILDREN’S CHURCH @ 1:00PM (Hawaii Time):** Join KUMC Children’s Church on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/332198264881234>)
- **WEDNESDAY TONGAN PRAYER SERVICE @ 7PM on Facebook Live.**
- **MORNING WALK (Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:15AM @ Old Kona Airport Garden)**
- **MORNING DEVOTION BIBLE READING (T & TH, 7:30AM)** can be joined via ZOOM-LIVE [Meeting ID: 864 4097 0919; Password: KUMC]

Please email Les Miller (leslie_miller@hotmail.com) your Joys and Prayer Concerns during the week.

Please contact Gloria Juan (gloriajuan808@gmail.com) if you or someone you know has a special need.

NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THE 8:30AM DRIVE-IN WORSHIP will be live-streamed via Zoom and also via Facebook Live starting the first Sunday of 2021—January 3rd. Please be patient with us as we are still perfecting the service.

Sharing the Pulpit at the 8:30am Drive-In Worship Service in the Year 2021: Please contact Pastor Sunny if you would like to offer this blessing some Sundays in the year 2021.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday (Sunday, 1/10): On this day, we will renew our baptism and be reminded of our baptismal vow.

Pre-Valentine's Day Benefit Concert 2021: As of now, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Benefit Concert will not be held in 2021. The Benefit Concert raises funds to provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are members of Kona UMC, seek higher education, and apply to receive the scholarship. Even though we won't hold the Benefit Concert in 2021, Kona UMC strongly desires to support our graduating high school seniors.

If any eligible youth wants to apply for the scholarship, please obtain the scholarship application form from the church office. The application must be received in the church office no later than January 24, 2021. Applications will not be accepted past this deadline.

For those of you who would like to support our graduating high school seniors, you still can give your scholarship donations by making a check payable to "KUMC" with a memo "Scholarship Fund." Please contact Neo Mateaki or Gloria Juan if you have any questions.

Tuesday Adult Study (6 weeks, starting Tuesday, 1/12, 8:30am): Join the study wherever you are via Zoom. The curriculum the class will use is "The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life" by Adam Hamilton. The study focuses on five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Please purchase the book before the class at Amazon.com. Please speak to Joyce Brady for more information.

TAX TIME! Please let the office know if you are due a donation letter for something that you have donated to the church in the year 2020, not including money. Please itemize the list to make sure everything is included in the letter.

Online Giving: Kona UMC offers several online giving options. You may visit our church website (konaumc.com) and click the giving icon on the home page OR contact Bill Jaeger (bjaegerhawaii@gmail.com) to set up the online giving or simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) Code Reader! We sincerely thank you!



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

Lectio Divina is a way of reading the Scriptures: *lectio* (reading), *meditatio* (reflection), *oratio* (response), and *contemplatio* (rest).

Scripture Verse for *Lectio Divina*: John 3:3

Scripture Readings for the Week: Isaiah 60:1-6;
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 12/27

- 8:30 am In-Person "Drive-In" Worship & via Zoom
- 10:00 am English Language Worship / LIVE-STREAM
- 11:00 am Tongan Language Worship / FACEBOOK
- 1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK

Tuesday, 12/29

- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Wednesday, 12/30

- 7:15 am Morning Walk @ Old Kona Airport Garden
- 7:00 pm Tongan Prayer Meeting / LIVE-STREAM

Thursday, 12/31

- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Friday, 1/1

- 7:15 am Morning Walk @ Old Kona Airport Garden

Sunday, 1/3

Epiphany Sunday

- 8:30 am Joint In-Person "Drive-In" Worship & via Zoom/FACEBOOK LIVE
- 10:00 am English Language Worship / LIVE-STREAM
- 1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK

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