



*3rd Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021*



*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: IN-PERSON/ONLINE

December 12, 2021

8:30am / 10:00am

CALL TO WORSHIP

Numbers 6:24-26 @ 8:30am

**The Lord bless you / and keep you; /
Make His face shine upon you / and be gracious to you; /
The Lord turn His / face toward you / and give you peace. (x2)
Amen.**

WELCOME / GREETINGS

Nancy Bloomfield @ 8:30am

Joyce Brady, English Language Ministry Lay Leader @ 10am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE [Peace]

Advent Family: The Lowrey Family @ 8:30am

The Woolsey Family @ 10am

GATHERING SONG

UMH 211 (vs. 1)

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, / and ransom captive Israel, /
that mourns in lonely exile here / until the Son of God appear. /
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / shall come to thee, O Israel.**

TIME OF PRAYER

Les Miller

'Ohana Joys and 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.**

*Prayer Response

“The Queen’s Prayer”

@ 8:30am

**O kou a-lo-ha no. A i-a i ka Lani,
A o kou oi-a i -o, He he-mo-le-le hoi. A me-ne.**
(Your love is in Heaven and Your truth so perfect.)

*HYMN

“What Child Is This”

UMH 219

**1. What child is this who, laid to rest, / on Mary’s lap is sleeping? / Whom angels
greet with anthems sweet, / while shepherds watch are keeping?
(Refrain) This, this is Christ the King, / whom shepherds guard and angels
sing; / haste, haste to bring him laud, / the babe, the son of Mary.**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate / where ox and ass are feeding? / Good Christians, fear, for sinners here / the silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, / come, peasant, king, to own him; / the King of kings salvation brings, / let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

Sulu Falefa @10am

Leader: This is the Word of the Holy Scripture.

Rev. Dr. Ahn @ 8:30am

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, / his name is called, Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, / his name is called Emmanuel.**

CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION

Nancy Bloomfield

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.

SERMON

“Love”

Nari Molimau

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nancy Bloomfield @ 8:30am; Joyce Brady @ 10am

*HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH 230

*HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH 206 @ 10am

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

TFWS 2223 @ 8:30am

1. We are one in the Spirit, / we are one in the Lord, / we are one in the Spirit, / we are one in the Lord, / and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

(Refrain) And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; / yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, / we will walk hand in hand, / we will walk with each other, / we will walk hand in hand, / and together we'll spread the news / that God is in our land: *(Refrain)*

3. We will work with each other, /we will work side by side, / we will work with each other, / we will work side by side, / and we'll guard human dignity / and save human pride: *(Refrain)*

4. All praise to the Father, /from whom all things come, / and all praise to Christ Jesus, / God's only Son, / and all praise to the Spirit, / who makes us one: *(Refrain)*

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Dr. Ahn

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.

***CLOSING CIRCLE [UMH 238 Chorus only]**

@ 8:30am

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! / Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

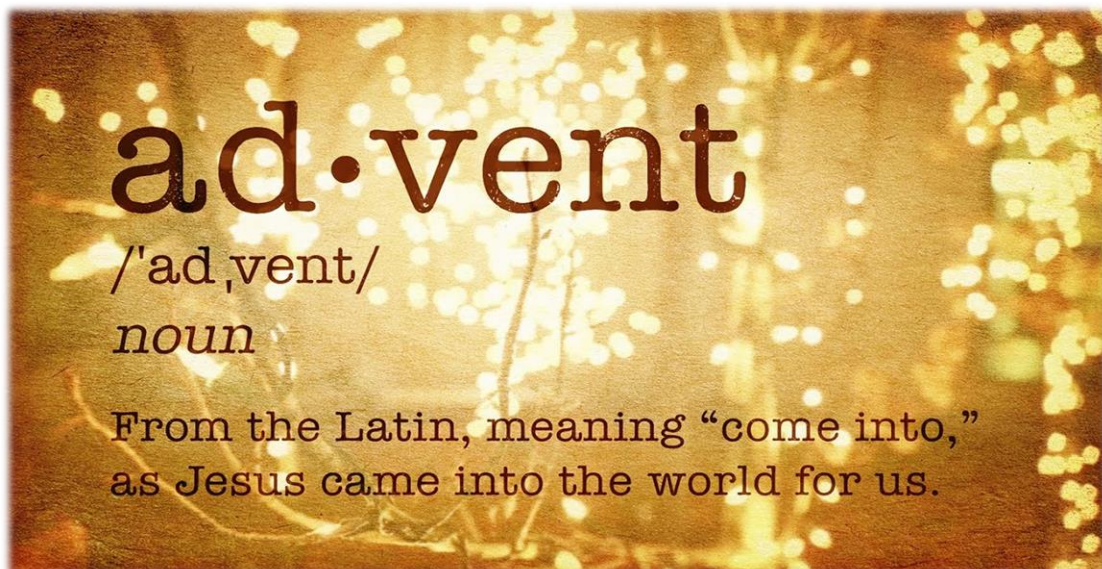
***BENEDICTION**

Nari Molimau

An asterisk (*) indicates a place for you to stand as you are able.

Bold Print indicates a place for you to sing or speak.

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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 WORSHIP @ 8:30AM:** You can join the service in the Sanctuary OR via Facebook-Live wherever you are.
- **SUNDAY “DEAF FRIENDLY” ONLINE WORSHIP @ 10AM:** Join KUMC Online Worship, which you can find on our church website (konaumc.com) under the News & Events section in the Video Gallery or Facebook.
- **SUNDAY TONGAN ONLINE WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE @ 11AM (Except for the 1st Sunday of the month).**
- **SUNDAY ONLINE CHILDREN’S CHURCH @ 1:00PM:** Join KUMC Children’s Church on Facebook.
- **SUNDAY TONGAN IN-PERSON WORSHIP @ 3:00PM (except the 1st Sunday of the month).**
- **TUESDAY ADULT STUDY @ 8:30AM** can be joined via ZOOM-LIVE [Meeting ID: 862 8033 1586; Password: KUMC].
- **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].



NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Blue Christmas: A Service of Hope and Healing (Tuesday, 12/14, 6pm): For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. This worship is a quiet, meditative service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is jointly organized by Hospice of Kona and Kona UMC. This service is a hybrid service that you can join in-person or Facebook Live.

Christmas Stocking Outreach (Sunday, 12/19): The Education Ministry Team and Outreach Ministry Team are jointly organizing the Christmas Stocking Outreach program to bring the jolly spirit to Kona UMC families with young children and youth. We will gift stockings with goodies to children. If you're interested in helping the program, speak to Neo Mateaki, Gloria Juan, Sue Pyun, or Alice Morris.

Christmas Eve Mini Concert and Lessons and Carols (Friday, 12/24, 6:30pm): Kona UMC offers a Christmas Eve Mini Concert followed by the traditional Lessons and Carols to our community as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This year we will end the night by lighting a candle and singing "Silent Night" as we did before COVID. This will be a hybrid service that you can join in-person or Facebook Live.

"Care-O-Ling" Service of Affirmation (Sunday, 12/26): The year 2021 has been another extraordinary year, challenging all aspects of life. There is no need to say that we all need extra care of ourselves and others in such a time as this year. So, Kona UMC closes its year with a "Care-O-Ling" Service of Affirmation. This service is about caring and affirming our faith.

COVID-19 Vaccine in Hawaii: To find a location near you and see which vaccines are being offered at each location, please visit www.vaccines.gov/search

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 (bjaegeerhawaii@gmail.com) to set up 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*: Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

Scripture Readings for the Week: Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:47-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 12/12

8:30 am In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

10:00 am English Language Worship / FACEBOOK

11:00 am Tongan Language Worship / FACEBOOK

1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK

3:00 pm Tongan Language In-Person Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, 12/14

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

8:30 am Advent Study via Zoom

6:00 pm In-Person Blue Christmas Service & via FACEBOOK

Wednesday, 12/15

7:15 am Morning Walk @ Old Kona Airport Garden

7:00 pm Tongan Prayer Meeting / LIVE-STREAM

Thursday, 12/16

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Friday, 12/17

7:15 am Morning Walk @ Old Kona Airport Garden

Sunday, 12/19

4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

10:00 am English Language Worship / FACEBOOK

11:00 am Tongan Language Worship / FACEBOOK

1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK

3:00 pm Tongan Language In-Person Worship

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