



*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
December 26, 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 26, 2021

8:30am / 10:00am

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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

Alice Morris, Welcoming Ministry Lay Leader @ 8:30am  
Vernon Lowrey, a Member of Kona UMC @ 10am

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.**

\*Carol

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH 240

- 1. Hark! the herald angels sing, / “Glory to the newborn King; / peace on  
earth, and mercy mild, / God and sinners reconciled!” / Joyful, all ye nations  
rise, / join the triumph of the skies; / with th’ angelic host proclaim, / “Christ  
is born in Bethlehem!” / Hark! the herald angels sing, / “Glory to the  
newborn King!”**
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; / Christ, the everlasting Lord; / late in  
time behold him come, / offspring of a virgin’s womb. / Veiled in flesh the  
Godhead see; / hail th’ incarnate Deity, / pleased with us in flesh to dwell, /  
Jesus, our Emmanuel. / Hark! the herald angels sing, / “Glory to the  
newborn King!”**

**3. Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! / Hail the Sun of Righteousness! /  
Light and life to all he brings, / risen with healing in his wings. / Mild he lays  
his glory by, / born that we no more may die, / born to raise us from the  
earth, / born to give us second birth. / Hark! the herald angels sing, / “Glory  
to the newborn King!”**

CARE FOR THE WORLD

Alice Morris

Stating the Reality

Prayer for the World

**God our Creator, You made all things in Your wisdom and 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 Joys & 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.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:16-17

Nari Molimau @ 8:30am

Leader: This is the Word of the Holy Scripture.

Evelyn Isabelo @ 10am

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**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.**

\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (insert)

For the Self-Exiled During the Covid-19 Pandemic  
Written by Glory E. Dharmaraj, Ph.D.

Alice Morris @ 8:30am

Nancy Lowrey @ 10am

SERMON

“The Story (12.5): The Trials of a King”

Rev. Dr. Ahn

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Alice Morris @ 8:30am; Vernon Lowrey @ 10am

\*HYMN

**“Count Your Blessings”**

(insert)

**1. When upon life’s billows you are tempest-tossed, / When you are discouraged,  
thinking all is lost, / Count your many blessings; name them one by one, / And  
it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

*(Refrain)* **Count your blessings, name them one by one: / Count your blessing,  
See what God hath done; / Count your blessings, name them one by one; /  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.**

**2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care? / Does the cross seem heavy you  
are called to bear? / Count your many blessings, ev’ry doubt will fly, / And you  
will be singing as the days go by. (Refrain)**

**3. When you look at others with their lands and gold, / Think that Christ has  
promised you His wealth untold; / Count your many blessings, money cannot  
buy / Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. (Refrain)**

**4. So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, / Do not be discouraged, God is  
over all; / Count your many blessings, angels will attend, / Help and comfort  
give you to your journey’s end. (Refrain)**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

\*CLOSING CIRCLE [TFWS 2235-b]

@ 8:30am

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (x2)**

**We are marching, we are marching, ooo..we are marching in the light of God.**

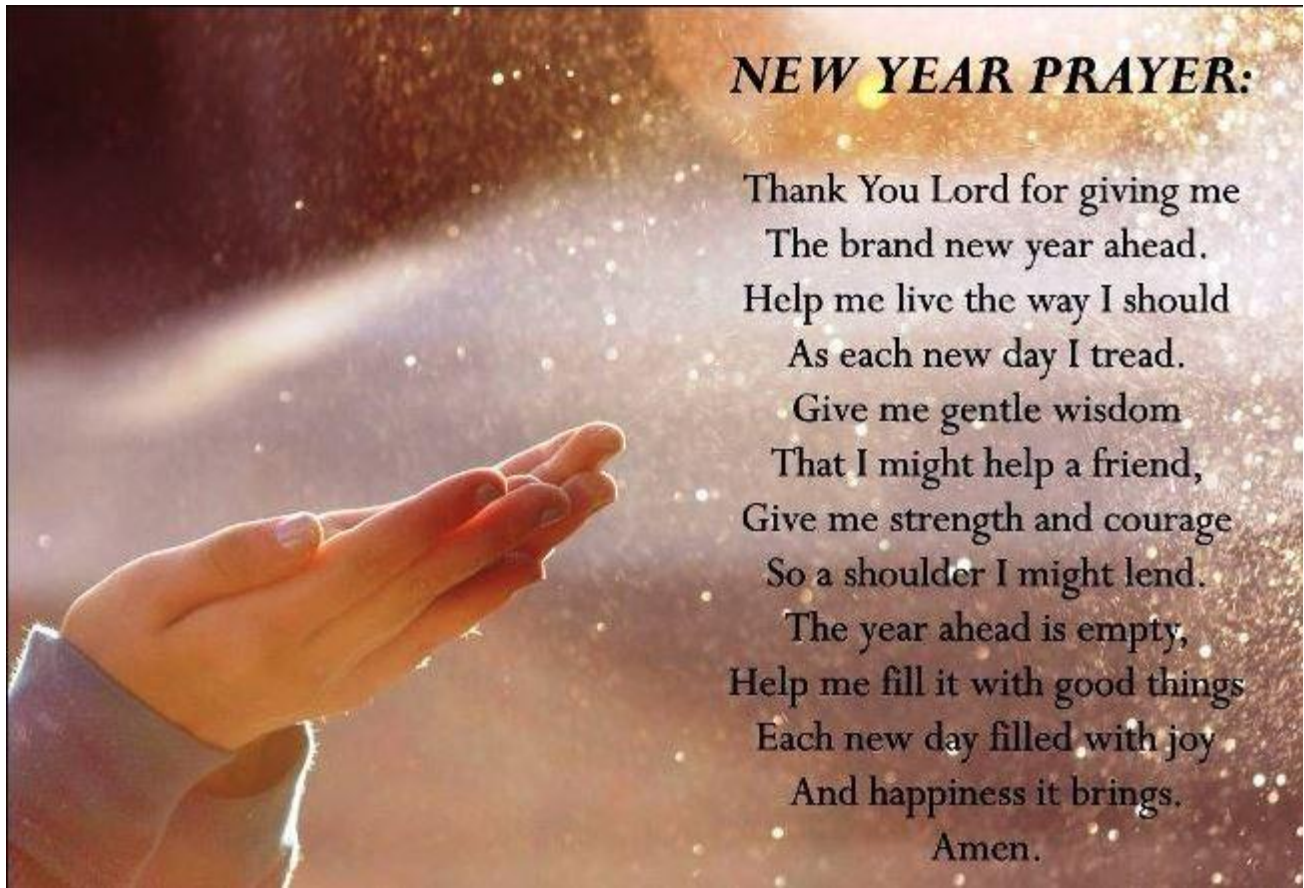
**(x2)**

\*BENEDICTION

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Youth Year-Ending Movie Outing (Thursday, 12/30, 1:30pm):** To end the year 2021 in a fun day, Kona UMC Youth will have a movie outing watching “Spider-Man.” Please meet at the Regal Makalapua 10 Theater at 1:30pm for the show at 2:30pm. Please speak to Neo Mateaki or Sung Ahn for more information.

**Lay Servant Advanced Class on Worship (4-Mondays, starting 1/10 @ 4:30pm via Zoom):** Please contact Rev. Dr. Lucy Jones if you want to take the class.

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday (Sunday, 1/9):** On this day, we will renew our baptism and be reminded of our baptismal vow.

**Pre-Valentine’s Day Benefit Concert 2022:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, once again this Benefit Concert raising scholarship funds will not be held in 2022. However, Kona UMC still commits to support our graduating high school seniors who are members of Kona UMC, seeking higher education.

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 23, 2022**. 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 indicating “Scholarship Fund” and mail it to the Church Office or donate online at [KonaUMC.com](http://KonaUMC.com) with a memo indicating “Scholarship Fund.” Please contact Neo Mateaki, Gloria Juan, Joyce Brady, or Pastor Sunny if you have any questions.

**Blessing of the Animals (Sunday, 1/30, 9:30am):** Humans have coexisted with God’s other creations—such as pets in our homes. In this service, we will acknowledge them as members of the family by blessing them and encouraging us to respect all of God’s creation.

**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 2021, 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](http://konaumc.com)) and click the giving icon on the home page OR contact Bill Jaeger ([bjaegeerhawaii@gmail.com](mailto: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*:** 1 Kings 3:9-10  
**Scripture Readings for the Week:** Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-9

## THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

### Sunday, 12/26

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

### Tuesday, 12/28

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

### Wednesday, 12/29

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

### Thursday, 12/30

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom  
1:30 pm Youth Movie Outing @ Regal Malakapua 10

### Friday, 12/31

7:15 am Morning Walk @ Old Kona Airport Garden

### Sunday, 1/2

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

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