



*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023*



*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

March 5, 2023

8:30am

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Numbers 6:24-26

**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. (x3) / Amen.**  
*(The Congregation will join in the 3<sup>rd</sup> repeat.)*

WELCOME / GREETINGS

Finau Mateaki, Youth Representative

**GATHERING SONG**      **“Come and Find the Quiet Center”**      **TFWS 2128 (vs. 1)**

**Come and find the quiet center/ in the crowded life we lead, / find the room for  
hope to enter, / find the frame where we are freed: / Clear the chaos and the  
clutter, / clear our eyes that we can see / all the things that really matter, / be at  
peace, and simply be.**

TIME OF PRAYER

Les Miller

Kokua Moment

‘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”**

**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 a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**UMH 526**

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus, / all our sins and griefs to bear! / What a  
privilege to carry / everything to God in prayer! / O what peace we often  
forfeit, / O what needless pain we bear, / all because we do not carry /  
everything to God in prayer.**

2. **Have we trials and temptations? / Is there trouble anywhere? / We should never be discouraged; / take it to the Lord in prayer. / Can we find a friend so faithful / who will all our sorrows share? / Jesus knows our every weakness; / take it to the Lord in prayer.**
3. **Are we weak and heavy laden, / cumbered with a load of care? / Precious Savior, still our refuge; / take it to the Lord in prayer. / Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? / Take it to the Lord in prayer! / In his arms he'll take and shield thee; / thou wilt find a solace there.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

Pastor Lavaka

Leader: This is the Word of the Holy Scripture.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

KUMC Tongan Choir (Semisi Talasinga, Director)

**HYMN OF PREPARATION “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH 454 (vs. 1)**  
**Open my eyes, that I may see / glimpses of truth thou hast for me; / place in my hands the wonderful key / that shall unclasp and set me free. / Silently now I wait for thee, / ready, my God, thy will to see. / Open my eyes, illumine me, / Spirit divine!**

SERMON

“Perspective (3): Persecution”

Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Loaf and Cup

Contemplation

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Finau Mateaki

\*HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH 261

1. **I danced in the morning when the world was begun, / and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, / and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. / At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*(Refrain)* Dance, then, wherever you may be; / I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. / And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, / and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, / but they would not dance and they would not follow me; / I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; / they came to me and the dance went on. *(Refrain)*
3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, / the holy people said it was a shame; / they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; / and they left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*
4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; / it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; / they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, / but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)*
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, / I am the life that'll never, never die; / I'll live in you if you'll live in me; / I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

**\*SHARING OUR GIFTS**

Pastor Lavaka

You are encouraged to mail your offering to the church office  
OR set up electronic giving (Online Giving).  
Please visit our website ([konaumc.com](http://konaumc.com)) or contact Bill Jaeger.

**\*CLOSING CIRCLE**

**UMH 585**

**This little light of mine, / I'm goin'-a let it shine, (x 3)**  
**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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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 worshiping with us. E Komo Mai & Mahalo!*

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

Today's altar flower is given by the Mateaki family  
in honor of Seli 9<sup>th</sup> birthday and Viliseni 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Joint HUI Lenten Study 2023 via Zoom (Mondays at 7pm till 4/3):** This study can be joined via Zoom (Meeting ID: 865 6881 2653; Passcode: HUI).

**Lenten Booklet 2023 from Hawaii District** is available at the Ministry Table during the 8:30am in-person worship and in the church office during office hours.

**Keiki Easter Egg Hunt:** Welcoming Ministry Team and Education Ministry Team are jointly bringing back our annual 'in-person' Keiki Easter Egg Hunt. On Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, it will begin twenty minutes after the 8:30am service. We are seeking donations of plastic eggs and candies to fill them. Donations will be accepted from Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help with Easter Sunday, please contact Neo Mateaki, Gloria Juan, Alice Morris or Sue Pyun for more information.

**All Church Work Party (Saturday, 3/18, 9am-3pm):** All are invited to join the "all church work party" as a "Lenten Practice" to clean up our church and fix things that belong to the house of the Lord. All skills are needed. More detailed information will be provided later. Please contact Arnold von Kaenel or Walter Hoponoa.

### **Overview of the Holy Week Journey @ Kona UMC:**

- **Palm Sunday (4/2, 8:30am, Hybrid Worship):** featuring a children's palm processional in remembering the "triumphal entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday (4/6, 7pm, Hybrid Worship)** with the Lord's Supper & Hand Washing.
- **Good Friday (4/7, 7pm, Hybrid Worship)** featuring a Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows).
- **Holy Saturday (4/8, 5pm)** joining 'the Stations of the Cross' at Grace Community Church.
- **Easter Sunday (4/9):**
  - **6am-** Community 'Sonrise' Service @ Old Airport
  - **7am (Hybrid Worship)-** Kona UMC's Sunrise Service followed by a 'donut/coffee' fellowship.
  - **8:30am (Hybrid Worship)-** featuring Kona UMC's unique tradition of 'The Easter Cross,' and the singing of Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus.'
  - **9:50am-** Keiki Easter Egg Hunt

**Online Giving:** You may visit our church website (KonaUMC.com) OR contact Bill Jaeger (bjaegerhawaii@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*:** Luke 13:1-9

**Scripture Readings for the Week:** Exodus 17:1-7;  
Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

### Sunday, 3/5

8:30 am Joint In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK

### Monday, 3/6

7:00 pm HUI Lenten Study via Zoom

### Tuesday, 3/7

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

### Wednesday, 3/8

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Tongan In-Person Worship

### Thursday, 3/9

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Denny's & Church Beautification

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

### Sunday, 3/12

8:30 am In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK

2:00 pm Tongan Sunday School

3:00 pm Tongan In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

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