



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023*



*Perspective (5): Prodigious*

*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 19, 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

Nancy Lowrey,  
Celebration Ministry Team Lay Leader

**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

Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

Kokua Moment

‘Ohana Joys and Concerns

Pastoral 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 la-ni,  
A ’o Kou ‘o-ia ‘i –‘o, He he-mo-le-le ho‘i. A me-ne.**  
*(Your love is in Heaven and Your truth so perfect.)*

\*HYMN

“Victory in Jesus”

UMH 370

**1. I heard an old, old story, / how a Savior came from glory, / how he gave his life  
on Calvary / to save a wretch like me; / I heard about his groaning, / of his  
precious blood’s atoning, / then I repented of my sins / and won the victory.**

***(Refrain)*** O victory in Jesus, / my Savior forever! / He sought me and bought me / with his redeeming blood; / he loved me ere I knew him, / and all my love is due him; / he plunged me to victory / beneath the cleansing flood.

**2. I heard about his healing, / of his cleansing power revealing, / how he made the lame to walk again / and caused the blind to see; / and then I cried, “Dear Jesus, / come and heal my broken spirit,” and somehow Jesus came and brought to / me the victory. *(Refrain)***

**3. I heard about a mansion / he has built for me in glory, / and I heard about the streets of gold / beyond the crystal seas; / about the angels singing / and the old redemption story, / and some sweet day I’ll sing up there the / song of victory. *(Refrain)***

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Vicky Russell

Leader: This is the Word of the Holy Scripture.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**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 (5): Prodigious

Pastor Lavaka

MINISTRY MOMENT

Joyce Brady

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nancy Lowrey

**\*HYMN**

**“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**

**UMH 348**

**1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, / calling for you and for me; / see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching / watching for you and for me.**

***(Refrain)*** Come one, come home; / you who are weary, come home; / earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, / calling, O sinner, come home!

**2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, / pleading for you and for me? / Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, / mercies for you and for me? *(Refrain)***

**3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, / passing from you and from me; / shadows are gathering deathbeds are coming, / coming for you and for me. *(Refrain)***

**4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, / promised for you and for me! /  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, / pardon for you and for  
me. (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) 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**

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!*

### **WEEKLY MINISTRY @ KONA UMC**

- **SUNDAY HYBRID WORSHIP @ 8:30AM:** Join in the Sanctuary OR via Facebook-Live.
- **SUNDAY TONGAN HYBRID WORSHIP @ 3:00PM (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month).** Join in the Sanctuary OR via Facebook-Live.
- **TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTION BIBLE READING @ 7:30AM** can be joined via ZOOM-LIVE [Meeting ID: 864 4097 0919; Password: KUMC].

### **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

**Today's altar flower is provided by Nancy and Vern Lowrey  
in honor of their daughter Susan Rose Gill.**

## NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**NEXT SUNDAY (3/26)** is “Aloha Sunday” with an “Aloha Brady Brunch” potluck after the 8:30am worship, celebrating Tim and Joyce Brady’s ministry with us before they move back to the mainland. So, please bring a dish to share along with a memory of them. Drink and the main dish will be provided.

**All Church Work Party (Saturday, 4/1, 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.

**Keiki Easter Egg Hunt:** Welcoming Ministry Team and Education Ministry Team are jointly bringing our annual ‘in-person’ Keiki Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. For this program, we are accepting donations of plastic eggs and candies now till Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help with Easter Sunday or obtaining more info, please contact Neo Mateaki, Gloria Juan, Alice Morris or Sue Pyun.

### **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

**Kona UMC Trip to Las Vegas (4/24-27):** Please speak to Sung or Pastor Sunny if you are interested in joining this trip.

**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*:** John 12:1-8

**Scripture Readings for the Week:** Ezekiel 37;  
Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

## THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

### Sunday, 3/19

- 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

### Monday, 3/20

- 7:00 pm HUI Lenten Study via Zoom

### Tuesday, 3/21

- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom
- 12:00 pm Feeding the Homeless @ The Shelter

### Wednesday, 3/22

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Tongan In-Person Worship

### Thursday, 3/23

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Denny's & Church Beautification
- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

### Sunday, 3/26

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