



*5th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 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 26, 2023

8:30am

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 3rd repeat.)

WELCOME / GREETINGS

Jim Monk, Liturgist

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

“In Christ Alone”

W&S 3105

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found, / he is my light, my strength, my song. / This
Cornerstone, this solid ground, / firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
/ What heights of love, what depths of peace, / when fears are stilled, when
strivings cease! / My Comforter, my all in all, / here in the love of Christ I
stand.**

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, / fullness of God in helpless babe. / This gift of love and righteousness / scorned by the ones he came to save. / 'Til on that cross as Jesus died / the wrath of God was satisfied; / for every sin on him was laid. / Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay, / Light of the world by darkness slain. / Then bursting forth in glorious day, / up from the grave he rose again! / And as he stands in victory, / sin's curse has lost its grip on me. / For I am his and he is mine, / bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, / this is the power of Christ in me. / From life's first cry to final breath, / Jesus commands my destiny. / No power of hell, no scheme or plan / can ever pluck me from his hand. / 'Til he returns or calls me home, / here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

Nancy Lowrey

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 (6): Perfume"

Alice Morris

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Jim Monk

*HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less / than Jesus' blood and righteousness. / I dare not trust the sweetest frame, / but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
(Refrain) On Christ the solid rock I stand, / all other ground is sinking sand; / all other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, / I rest on his unchanging grace. / In every high and stormy gale, / my anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood / support me in the whelming flood. / When all around my soul gives way, / he then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, / O may I then in him be found! / Dressed in his righteousness alone, / faultless to stand before the throne!
(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 worshipping with us. E Komo Mai & Mahalo!

WEEKLY MINISTRY @ KONA UMC

- **SUNDAY HYBRID WORSHIP @ 8:30AM:** Join in the Sanctuary OR via Facebook-Live.
- **SUNDAY ONLINE CHILDREN'S CHURCH @ 1:00PM:** Join KUMC Children's Church on Facebook.
- **SUNDAY IN-PERSON TONGAN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 2:00PM (except the 1st Sunday of the month).**
- **SUNDAY TONGAN HYBRID WORSHIP @ 3:00PM (except the 1st 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 flowers are given by
Dennis Bensen in honor his parent's anniversary.

NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Palm Sunday (4/2, 8:30am, Hybrid Worship): Palm Sunday will be a Joint Worship of Three Language Ministries (English, Samoan, Tongan). It is the day we remember the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem exactly one week before His resurrection (Easter, Matthew 21:1-11). Join us for this special service featuring a children’s palm processional.

Maundy Thursday (4/6, 7pm, Hybrid Worship): Maundy Thursday is the day to commemorate the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with His Disciples. Instead of the feet-washing, Kona UMC’s Maundy Thursday service features the Lord’s Supper with Hand Washing.

Good Friday (4/7, 7pm, Hybrid Worship): Good Friday is the day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary. Kona UMC’s Good Friday Service is a Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows), recreating the emotional aspects of the passion story with the stripping of the sanctuary to dramatize the desolation, abandonment, and darkness of the passion and death of our Lord. The service ends in darkness and silence.

Holy Saturday (4/8, 5pm): The Stations of the Cross is a devotional mini pilgrimage. We will meet at Grace Community Church at 5pm.

Easter Sunday (4/9):

- **6am-** Community “Sonrise” Service @ Old Airport
- **7am (Hybrid Worship)-** Kona UMC’s Sunrise Service will be held in the backyard of the parsonage for a casual celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord 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.” Please bring flowers and/or greens from your yard. Easter Basket will be given to children after the service.

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*: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Scripture Readings for the Week: Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54

THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 3/26

- 8:30 am In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK
- 9:40 am "Aloha Brady Brunch" Potluck
- 1:00 pm Children's Church / FACEBOOK
- 2:00 pm Tongan Sunday School
- 3:00 pm Tongan In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

Monday, 3/27

- 7:00 pm HUI Lenten Study via Zoom

Tuesday, 3/28

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

Wednesday, 3/29

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

Thursday, 3/30

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

Saturday, 4/1

- 4:00 pm The Board of Trustees' meeting

Sunday, 4/2

Palm Sunday

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

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