



*Ascension Sunday
May 21, 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

May 21, 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

Alice Morris,
Welcoming Ministry Lay Leader

GATHERING SONG

“Sanctuary”

TFWS 2164 (x2)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

TIME OF PRAYER

Marjorie Winfough

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 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

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! / O what a foretaste of glory divine! / Heir of
salvation, purchase of God, / born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

(Refrain) **This is my story, this is my song, / praising my Savior all the day
long; / this is my story, this is my song, / praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, / visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
/ angels descending bring from above / echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

(Refrain)

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; / I in my Savior am happy and blest, /
watching and waiting, looking above, / filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:6-11

Nari Molimau

Leader: This is the Word of the Holy Scripture.

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**

SERMON

“Casting Our Cares”

Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

MINISTRY MOMENT

Dennis Bensen

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Alice Morris

***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; / there is no shadow of turning
with thee; / thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; / as thou hast
been, thou forever wilt be.**

**(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness! / Great is thy faithfulness! / Morning by
morning new mercies I see; / all I have needed thy hand hath provided; / great
is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, / sun, moon, and stars in
their courses above / join with all nature in manifold witness / to thy great
faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, / thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide; / strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, / blessings all
mine, with ten thousand beside! (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**

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

TFWS 2026

**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluja!**

***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 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 flower is given with love from Vern&Nancy Lowrey
in honor of their daughter Sarah Lowrey’s birthday!**

NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday Men's Breakfast & Church "Clean Up": All are welcome to join the breakfast at Denny's (75-1027 Henry St., Kailua Kona, HI) at 7:30am and the church "clean up" at 8:45am at church. The extra hands are needed for this important ministry. Please speak to Jim Monk if you have any questions.

Calling Sunday School Teachers for Children/Youth. Education Ministry Team has decided to resume the in-person Sunday school for children/youth at the beginning of the school year 2023 (August/September). The Sunday school class will last 25 minutes during the 8:30am worship service. A curriculum will be provided. For teaching the children's/youth Sunday school, all volunteers must fill out the volunteer application form, be trained for Ministry Safe, and one's background must be checked.

After Sunday, May 14th, the volunteer application form, Sunday school packets and other needed forms will be available each Sunday on the greeters table. Please prayerfully consider being part of the ministry that touches the future through our children/youth. Please speak to Neo Mateaki, the Nurturing Ministry Lay Leader, if you have questions.

2023 California-Pacific Annual Conference (6/14-17, Wednesday-Saturday, Sheraton Gateway LA Hotel): All appointed pastors and lay delegates of the local church are to attend. Online options will be available for active clergy who have received permission to be excused from Bishop and laity who are not able to attend in-person. The theme for this year's conference is "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger."

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 104:30

Scripture Readings for the Week: Acts 2:1-21;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 5/21

- 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

Tuesday, 5/23

- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Wednesday, 5/24

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

Thursday, 5/25

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

Sunday, 5/28

Pentecost Sunday

- 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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