

ORDER OF WORSHIP: IN-PERSON/ONLINE

February 25, 2024

8:30am

CALL TO WORSHIP Numbers 6:24-26

(Congregation, please join in the 3rd repeat.)

**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.**

WELCOME / GREETINGS Dennis Bensen, Liturgist

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, which 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 debts, / as we forgive our
debtors. / And lead us not into temptation, / but deliver
us from evil: / for thine is the Kingdom, / and 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 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” TFWS 2088 (x2)

**Lord, I lift your name on high; / Lord, I love to sing your
praises. / I’m so glad you’re in my life; / I’m so glad you
came to save us. / You came from heaven to earth / to
show the way, / from the earth to the cross / my debt to
pay; / from the cross to the grave, / from the grave to the
sky; / Lord, I lift your name on high.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:31-38 Nancy Lowrey

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 “The Superhero Solution” Rev. Gary Williams

SPECIAL HULA Ene Vole

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Dennis Bensen

*HYMN “Are Ye Able” UMH 530

- 1. “Are ye able,” said the Master, / “to be crucified with
me?” / “Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, / “to the
death we follow thee.”
(Refrain) Lord, we are able. / Our spirits are thine. /
Remold them, make us, / like thee, divine. / Thy guiding
radiance / above us shall be / a beacon to God, / to love,
and loyalty.**
- 2. Are ye able to remember, / when a thief lifts up his eyes, /
that his pardoned soul is worthy / of a place in paradise?
(Refrain)**
- 3. Are ye able when the shadows / close around you with the
sod, / to believe that spirit triumphs, / to commend your
soul to God? (Refrain)**
- 4. Are ye able? Still the Master / whispers down eternity, /
and heroic spirits answer, / now as then in Galilee.
(Refrain)**

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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*Doxology UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / praise
God, all creatures here below; / praise God above, ye
heavenly host; / praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS Nancy Lowrey

*CLOSING CIRCLE TFWS 2129 (x2)

**I have decided to follow Jesus, / I have decided to follow
Jesus, / I have decided to follow Jesus / no turning back,
no turning back.**

*BENEDICTION Rev. Williams

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Thank you for worshiping with us. E Komo Mai & Mahalo!

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*: Matthew 16:18

Bible Readings for the Week:

02/25 (Sun): Num 29-30 & John 21 **02/26 (M):** Num 31-32
02/27 (T): Num 33-34 **02/28 (W):** Num 35-36
02/29 (Th): Ps 25-28 **03/01 (F):** Deut 1-2 & Matt 1
03/02 (Sat): Deut 3-4 & Matt 2 **03/03 (Sun):** Deut 5-6 & Matt 3



Saint Mark United Methodist Church’s Live Worship

@ 10am in PST, 8am in HST

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NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Joint HUI Lenten Study 2024 via Zoom (6 weeks, starting Monday, 2/19, 7pm): This study can be joined via Zoom (Meeting ID: 865 6881 2653; Passcode: HUI).

Food & Fellowship Sunday (Next Sunday, 1st Sunday of the Month, 3/3): The first Sunday of the month at Kona UMC is the “Food & Fellowship” Sunday. Please bring a dish to share if desired. Questions? Please contact Sung Ahn.

Keiki Easter Egg Hunt: The Welcoming Ministry Team and the Education Ministry Team are jointly bringing our annual ‘in-person’ Keiki Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31. For this program, we are accepting donations of small bags of individually wrapped candy now until Sunday, March 24th. We need help with filling the eggs. Want to help? Please contact Neo Mateaki, Gloria Juan, Alice Morris, or Sue Pyun.

Cambodia Mission Trip (5/12-25): Kona UMC’s Cambodia Mission Trip includes visiting Cambodia (5/12-19), Vietnam (5/19-22), and Korea (5/22-25). You can join the whole 14 days of this trip or partially. Please speak to Pastor Sunny.

Kona UMC’s 35th Anniversary Celebration: Pastor Sunny is collecting stories about Kona UMC to draft a written history of Kona UMC. Please let Pastor Sunny know if you have a story to share about Kona UMC.

Overview of the Holy Week Journey @ Kona UMC:

- **Palm Sunday (3/24, 8:30am, Hybrid Worship):** featuring a children’s palm processional in remembering the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday (3/28, 7pm, Hybrid Worship)** with the Lord’s Supper & Hand Washing.
- **Good Friday (3/29, 7pm, Hybrid Worship)** featuring a Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows).
- **Holy Saturday (3/30, 5pm)** joining ‘the Stations of the Cross’ at Grace Community Church.
- **Easter Sunday (3/31):**
 - **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’
 - **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!



THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 2/25

- 8:30 am In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK
- 2:00 pm Tongan Sunday School
- 3:00 pm Tongan In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

Monday, 2/26

- 7:00 pm Joint HUI Lenten Study via Zoom

Tuesday, 2/27

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

Wednesday, 2/28

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

Thursday, 2/29

- 7:30 am Men’s Breakfast @ Denny’s & Church Clean Up
- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Sunday, 3/3

- 8:30 am Joint In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK
- 9:30 am Food & Fellowship
- 10:00 am Sunday School for Children @ Larger Classroom
- 10:00 am Sunday School for Youth @ Smaller Classroom

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Today’s altar flowers are given by Peta Mareko.

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*2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024*



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.