



*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP: IN-PERSON/ONLINE

February 25, 2024

8:30am

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Numbers 6:24-26

*(Congregation, please join in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2x)

**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 God for the people of God.

**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)***

**\*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**

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

**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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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!*

### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Today's altar flowers are given by Peta Mareko



A blue graphic announcing a pulpit exchange between two pastors. On the left is a circular portrait of Rev. Gary Williams, a Black man with glasses and a white clerical collar. On the right is a circular portrait of Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn, a woman with short dark hair in a dark blazer. Between the portraits are two stylized arrow icons pointing in opposite directions. Below the portraits, the text 'PULPIT EXCHANGE' is written in yellow, with a white box containing 'FEB 15-26, 2024' and two yellow curved arrows pointing towards the box.

**REV. GARY WILLIAMS**  
Senior Pastor @ Saint Mark UMC, LA, CA

**REV. DR. SUNNY AHN**  
Senior Pastor @ Kona UMC, Kona, HI

**PULPIT EXCHANGE**  
**FEB 15-26, 2024**

**Saint Mark United Methodist Church's Live Worship**

@ 10am in PST, 8am in HST

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarkLA>



A logo for 'Kindness Matters' featuring the text 'KINDNESS MATTERS' in a large, black, serif font. A small black flower icon is positioned above the letter 'N' in 'KINDNESS'. Below the text is the logo for Kona United Methodist Church, which includes a red and white cross symbol. To the right of the cross, the text reads: 'Kona United Methodist Church', '74-4960 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740', and '808-329-5842; www.KonaUMC.com'. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin black oval border.

**KINDNESS MATTERS**

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. We are accepting donations of small bags of individually wrapped candy now until Sunday, March 24. 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 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Pastor Sunny is collecting stories about Kona UMC to draft a written history of Kona. 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!



## 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

## 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

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