



*5th Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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

March 17, 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

Jim Monk, 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

“We Are the Church”

UMH 558 (vs. 1-4)

(Refrain) **I am the church! / You are the church! / We are the church together!
/ All who follow Jesus, all around the world! / Yes, we’re the church together!**

1. The church is not a building, / the church is not a steeple, / the church is not a resting place, / the church is a people. (Refrain)

2. We’re many kinds of people, / with many kinds of faces, / all colors and all ages, too, / from all times and places. (Refrain)

**3. Sometimes the church is marching, / sometimes it's bravely burning, /
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, / always it's learning. (Refrain)**

**4. And when the people gather, / there's singing and there's praying, / there's
laughing and there's crying sometimes, / all of it saying: (Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 77:11-12

Dennis Bensen

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

“Kona UMC (3): Our Journey, God's Story”

Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

MINISTRY MOMENT

Marjorie Winfough

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Jim Monk

***HYMN**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

UMH 581

**1. Lord, whose love through humble service / bore the weight of human need, /
who upon the cross, forsaken, / offered mercy's perfect deed: / we, your
servants, bring the worship / not of voice alone, but heart, / consecrating to
your purpose / every gift that you impart.**

**2. Still your children wander homeless; / still the hungry cry for bread; / still the
captives long for freedom; / still in grief we mourn our dead. / As, O Lord,
your deep compassion / healed the sick and freed the soul, / use the love your
Spirit kindles / still to save and make us whole.**

**3. As we worship, grant us vision, / till your love's revealing light / in its height
and depth and greatness / dawns upon our quickened sight, / making known
the needs and burdens / your compassion bids us bear, / stirring us to tireless
striving / your abundant life to share.**

**4. Called by worship to your service, / forth in your dear name we go to the child,
/ the youth, the aged, love in / living deeds to show; / hope and health, good will
and comfort, / counsel, aid, and peace we give, / that your servants, Lord, in
freedom / may your mercy know, and live.**

***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**

Rev. Dr. Ahn

***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. Dr. Ahn

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!

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Today’s altar flowers are given by Nancy and Vern Lowrey to honor Susan Gill.

Kona UMC PASTORS		
	English Language Ministry (Sr.)	Tongan Language Ministry (Assoc.)
1	1989-1993 Rev. Bob Wicherts	
2	1993-1996 Rev. Sione Veikoso	
3	1996-2002 Rev. Eric Scott	1996-1999 Rev. Miki Pousima
4	2002-2003 Rev. Harry Garrison	1999-2006 Rev. Tevita Maile
5	2003-2007 Rev. Dan Lewis	
6	2007-2009 Rev. Dr. George Crisp	
7	2009-2012 Rev. Dr. Richard Stinson	2006-2018 Rev. Malakai Tatafu
8	2012-2016 Rev. Dr. Krista S. Givens	
9	2016- Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn	2018-2022 Pastor Vaokotone Teaupā
		2022- Pastor Lavaka Malakai

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).

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 31st. We are accepting donations of small bags of individually wrapped candy 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.

Palm Sunday (3/24, 8:30am, Hybrid Worship): Palm Sunday is the day we remember the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem exactly one week before His resurrection (Easter, Matthew 21:1-11).

Maundy Thursday (3/28, 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 (3/29, 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 (3/30, 5pm): The Stations of the Cross is a devotional mini pilgrimage. We will meet at Grace Community Church at 5pm.

Easter Sunday/Kona UMC’s 35th Anniversary (3/31):

- **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.’ Please bring flowers and/or greens from your yard. The service will be followed by the fellowship. Please bring a dish to share during the fellowship after church for celebrating the 35th anniversary of the church.
- **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*: Lamentations 3:22-23

Bible Readings for the Week:

03/17 (Sun): Deut 31-32

03/18 (M): Deut 33-34 & Matt 10

03/19 (T): Ps 33-36

03/20 (W): Josh 1-2 & Matt 11

03/21 (Th): Josh 3-4

03/22 (F): Josh 5-6 & Matt 12

03/23 (Sat): Josh 7-8

03/24 (Sun): Josh 9-10 & Matt 13

THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 3/17

- 8:30 am In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK
- 10:00 am Cambodia Mission Team Meeting
- 2:00 pm Tongan Sunday School
- 3:00 pm Tongan In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

Monday, 3/18

- 7:00 pm Joint HUI Lenten Study via Zoom

Tuesday, 3/19

- 7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom
- 12:00 pm Feeding the Homeless @ the Shelter
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, 3/20

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

Thursday, 3/21

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

Saturday, 3/23

- 5:00 pm Leadership Team (Church Council) Meeting

Sunday, 3/24

Palm Sunday

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