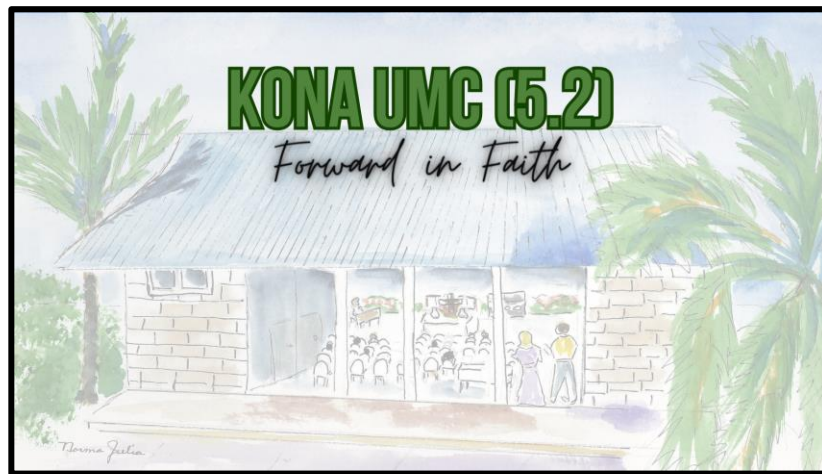




*Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024*



*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 31, 2024

8:30am

*You may come forward and decorate “The Easter Cross”
with flowers and/or greens during the gathering time.*

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

Nancy Lowrey,
Celebration Ministry Team 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, 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.)

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, / and feel the pride and joy he gives; / but greater still the calm assurance, / this child can face uncertain days because he lives. *(Refrain)*

3. And then one day I'll cross the river; / I'll fight life's final war with pain; / and then as death gives way to victory, / I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. *(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

Pastor Lavaka

*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.

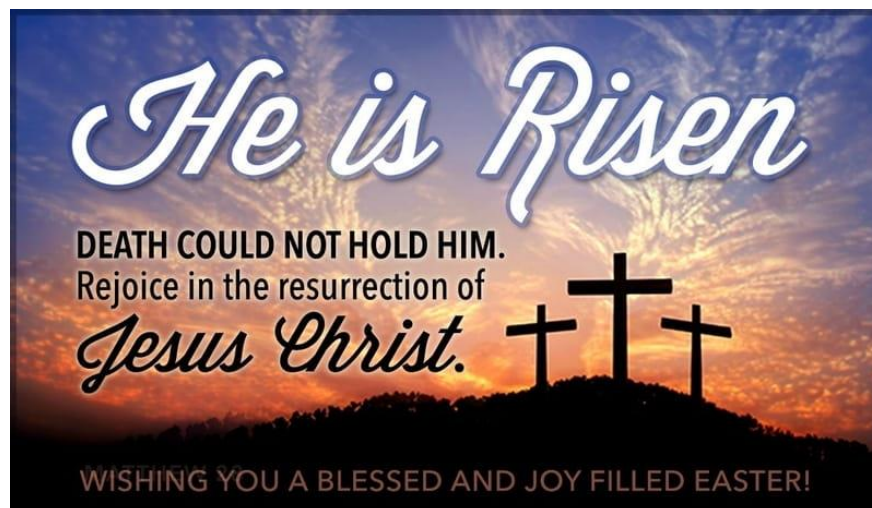
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Thank you for worshiping with us. E Komo Mai & Mahalo!

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Today's altar flowers are given by Nancy Lowrey for honoring her husband, Vern Lowrey's birthday.



NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Hawaii Ukulele Ensemble Concert (4/6, 3pm): It is a benefit concert for Kona UMC's scholarship fund. A calabash bowl will be set up to collect a free-will offering for anyone wanting to donate to Kona UMC's scholarship fund. For more information, please visit <http://hawaiiukuleleensemble.org/>

Food Bank (Next Sunday, 1st Sunday of the Month, 4/7): Every first Sunday of the month, Kona UMC collects food and monetary donations to support our community's needs. We welcome any non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army. Our Tongan Language Ministry Team also provides lunches for the homeless on the third Tuesday of each month. If rice or frozen chicken can be donated, it would be greatly appreciated. These are ways we can reach out and make a difference for those in need.

Food & Fellowship Sunday (Next Sunday, 1st Sunday of the Month, 4/7): 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.

Cambodia Mission Gift: The Kona UMC Cambodia Mission Team asks for donations to prepare 15 gift bags for the 15 female college students at the Susanna Wesley House in Cambodia that Kona UMC supports. Donations should be lightweight and packable Hawaiian items such as keychains, Kona coffee, etc. A monetary donation is also welcome, as we will buy school supplies for the street children when we arrive in Cambodia. The donation will be accepted till Sunday, April 21st, for the Cambodia Mission trip in May. Please speak to Pastor Sunny for more information.

Thursday Men's Breakfast & Church Beautification: All are welcome to join, especially the church beautification at 8:30am at church. The extra hands are needed for this important ministry.

2024 Hawaii District Conference (5/11) and 2024 California-Pacific Annual Conference (6/12-15): The registration for both conferences are open now. All pastors and all those elected Kona UMC delegates are expected to register to attend. A later fee of \$50 will be charged for registrations on or after Friday, May 17th, for the conference in June. So, please register at https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/ac2024register?utm_source=ALL+DATABASE&utm_campaign=980d07f94c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_09_10_26_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7248078e6c-980d07f94c-98567425

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*: Psalm 103:1-5

Bible Readings for the Week:

03/31 (Sun): Josh 21-22	04/01 (M): Josh 23-24 & Matt 17
04/02 (T): Judg 1-2	04/03 (W): Judg 3-4 & Matt 18
04/04 (Th): Judg 5-6	04/05 (F): Ps 41-44
04/06 (Sat): Judg 7-8 & Matt 19	04/07 (Sun): Judg 9-1

THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 3/31 Easter Sunday

6:00 am Community "Sonrise" Service @ Old Airport
7:00 am Kona UMC's Sunrise Service followed by a 'donut/coffee' fellowship @ Parsonage backyard
8:30 am Joint In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK
9:50 am Keiki Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 am Brunch Fellowship

Tuesday, 4/2

7:30 am Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Wednesday, 4/3

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

Thursday, 4/4

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

Saturday, 4/6

11:30 am Ukulele Class
3:00 pm Hawaii Ukulele Ensemble Concert

Sunday, 4/7

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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