

# 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 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 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.)*

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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\*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"  
UMH 302 (vs. 1-3, 5)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! / Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! / Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! / Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! / Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! / Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! / Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! / Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! / Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! / Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! / Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! / Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! / Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 29:18 Pastor Lavaka  
Leader: This is the Word of the Holy Scripture.  
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM KUMC Tongan Choir (Semisi Talasinga, Director)

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 (5.2): Forward in Faith"  
Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Nancy Lowrey

\*HYMN "Because He Lives" UMH 364

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; / he came to love, heal, and forgive; / he lived and died to buy my pardon, / an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*(Refrain)* Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; / because he lives, all fear is gone; / because I know he holds the future, / and life is worth the living just because he lives.

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 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

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*Thank you for worshipping 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.

## 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

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, for the Cambodia Mission trip in May. Please speak to Pastor Sunny for more information.

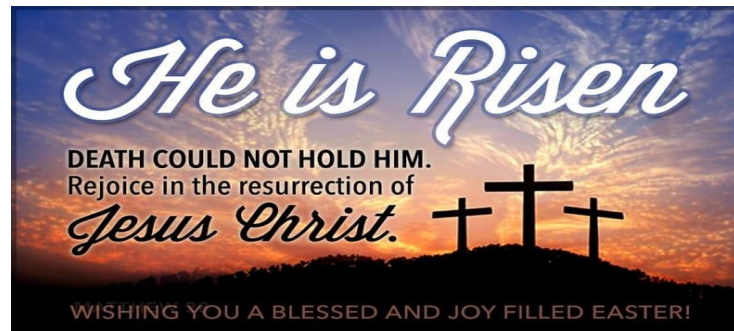
**Thursday Men's Breakfast & Church Beautification:** All are welcome to join, especially the church beautification at 8:30am at church. The extra hands are needed for this important ministry.

**Online Giving:** You may visit our church website ([konaumc.com](http://konaumc.com)) OR contact Bill Jaeger ([bjjaegerhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:bjjaegerhawaii@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

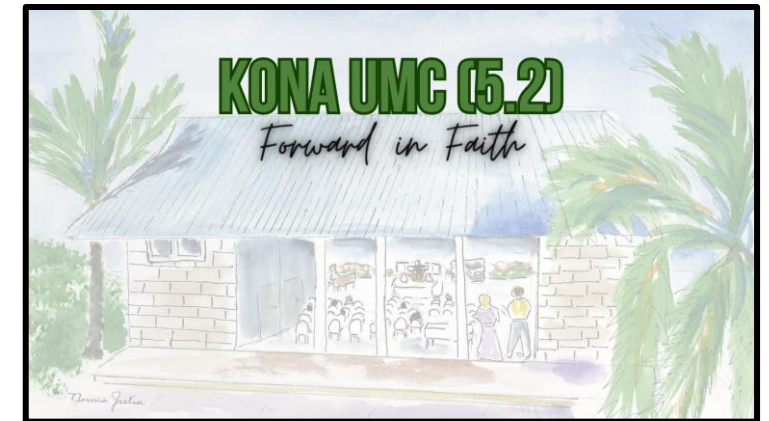
- Sunday, 3/31 Easter Sunday**  
6:00 am Community "Sonrise" Service @ Old Airport  
7:00 am Kona UMC's Sunrise Service followed by a 'donut/coffee' fellowship @ Parsonage backyard  
8:30 am Joint In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK  
9:50 am Keiki Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 am Brunch Fellowship
- Tuesday, 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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*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.*