



Kona United Methodist Church

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Office Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 10:00am-1:00pm

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany— January 18, 2026, at 8:30am

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. “Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP: IN-PERSON/ONLINE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Numbers 6:24-26.....Music Team (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.

OPENING PRAYER *(based on Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)*.....Music Team

Holy One, may our spirits be polished arrows in the quiver of Your searching love. May our words ring true with shouts of praise. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of Your mercy and compassion. Fashion us into vessels of Your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might be touched by Your healing love through our fellowship with You and with one another. Amen.

CENTERING: “Surely the Presence”.....UMH 328 (2x)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

**I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

GREETINGS: E KOMO MAI To Everyone & New Visitors.....Leetha Paogofie / Marjorie Winfough

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

KOKUA MOMENT *Count Your Blessings Name Them One By One (People may come forward to the Kokua station in the middle aisle to share their joys and concerns; please speak into the microphone.)* ‘OHANA JOYS & CONCERNS...

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who 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 trespasses / as we forgive those who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil: / for Thine is the Kingdom, / 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.)

***OPENING HYMN....."Just as I Am".....UM Hymnal No. 357 (vs 1,2,3,5)**

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL HOMEWORK:

Scripture Readings Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Theme Ideas: With a resounding "Yes," today's scriptures answer the question, "Can one person make a difference?" Isaiah proclaims a message for all Israel to hear: They will be a light to the nations. The psalmist confesses that the Lord has "put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise for our God" (Psalm 40:3). Paul preaches that he was "called by God's will to be an apostle of Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:1). Andrew hears of Jesus from John the Baptist and says to his brother: "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). It is easy to see the impact of Isaiah, the psalmist and Paul, but what of Andrew? What difference did he make? Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus—a brother whom Jesus renames Peter, a brother whom Jesus calls the rock. If we follow God's call, we can all make a difference, if only by inviting others onto the journey with us.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42 RSV *The Lamb of God & First Disciples of Jesus*.....Alice Avea'i

Leader: ²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said,

People: 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness,

Leader: "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

People: ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

Leader: ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them,

Leader: “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon, and said to him,

People: “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. / **People: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE.....Sally Martens, Flautist

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....”Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON: “Lamb of God’s First Disciples”.....Pastor Joyce Latu

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES.....Alice Avea”i

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *(based on Isaiah 49, Psalm 40)*.....Alice Avea”i

What does God require of us, and with what shall we come before the Lord? It is not with sacrifice and burnt offerings, but with hearts filled with praise and lives bent on justice. With joy and thanksgiving for the tender mercies of our God, may today’s offering be a sign of our commitment to bring God’s justice and compassion to our world.

***CLOSING HYMN.....“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”.....UM Hymnal No 452**
(Please come forward and place your alms/offering/tithes on the altar.)

***Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” (in Hawaiian) UMH 95**
(Tune).....

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau / Ke Keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō / Ke Akua mau,
ho‘omaika‘i pū / Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao. / ‘Āmene.

***UNISON OFFERING PRAYER** *(based on Isaiah 49, John 1)*

God of Grace and God of Glory, You bless us with water and the Spirit, that we might know the fullness of life. As we strive to be a light to the nations, may others be brought to the dawn of Your glory. Bless the gifts we bring before You now, that

they might reach the very ends of the earth and help those struggling to find the light. Amen.

*CLOSING CIRCLE INVITATION: Please circle around the sanctuary and have your programs handy.

*CIRCLE SONG:“This Little Light of Mine” UMH 585

This little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine, this little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine;

this little light of mine, I’m goin’a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*BENEDICTION: (based on Isaiah 49, Psalm 40, 1 Corinthians 1)

Sing a new song as we leave this place. Go in the love of the One who strengthens us. Heed God’s call that stirs within us. We go in service to follow Christ, to walk forth as saints of God, in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. To bring hope to the ends of the earth, we go to be a light to the nations.

Thank you / Mahalo for worshiping with us. ALOHA A HUI HOU!

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION —

Today’s altar flowers are given by Nancy Bloomfield.

An asterisk (*) indicates a place for you to stand as you are able. **Bold Print indicates a place for you to sing or speak.** All Music Used with Permission. CCLI #11258608

If you're leading a program at Kona United Methodist Church and would like it included in our weekly *Ministry Opportunities* section of the worship bulletin and Friday Memo, please send a brief written description to the church office at **KonaUMC@hawaii.rr.com**. Be sure to submit your information **at least one month in advance** to ensure timely inclusion. Mahalo!

NEWS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fellowship Hour: Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after our worship service.

Diana Butler Will Be Selling Handmade Necklaces and bracelets at her table at the rear of the church. Please support this Kokua fundraiser.

One Year Celebration/Remembrance for Navy Mareko (Saturday, 1/24): The one-year Remembrance Celebration for Navy Mareko will be on Saturday, January 24th at noon. All are invited to gather with us to remember our beloved Navy.

It will be at the Kona Memorial Park in Holualoa, 75-5553 Mamalahoa Hwy, 388 Ponohawai St. Holualoa. No set color to wear. Lunch will follow at Kona UMC.

Blessing of Animals on Sunday, January 25 at 8am at the grassy field by the church. Bring your fur babies if you'd like to be a part of the blessing service. Please keep your animals contained for safety reasons. Keep your animals in mind if you plan to stay for the 8:30am Worship Service.

ONLINE GIVING: You may visit our church website (konaumc.com) .OR contact Vernon Lowrey (konafinance99@gmail.com) to set up online giving or simply scan the you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) Code Reader!



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MATTERS**



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THIS WEEK AT KONA UMC

Sunday, 1/18

8:30 am

3:00 pm

Monday, 1/19

7:30 am

Tuesday, 1/20

8:00 am

Wednesday, 1/21

7:00 pm

Thursday, 1/22

7:30 am

8:00 am

Friday, 1/23

7:30 am

Sunday, 1/25

8:30 am

3:00 pm

Human Relations Day

In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

Tongan In-Person Worship

Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

Water Aerobics @ Kona Community Pool

Tongan In-Person Worship

Men's Breakfast @ Denny's & Church Clean Up

Water Aerobics @ Kona Community Pool

Morning Devotion Bible Reading via Zoom

In-Person Worship & via FACEBOOK

Tongan In-Person Worship

