



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



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“Happy Mother’s Day”

This short act of **Easter worship** has been produced for you. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

Jesus said ‘I am the way’. He is the light that shines on us and through us. We come to seek the way that we may receive new life and serve in all that we are.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for the Day *(from the Methodist Book of Worship)*

Loving and eternal God, through the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in life or death can ever part us from your love for us in Jesus Christ our Saviour; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Amen

Hymn: Christ Is the World’s Light #188

Sing/ Read / pray / proclaim the words or listen to it here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ne5MOMp6W_Y

Christ is the world’s light,
 Christ and none other;
 Born in our darkness,
 he became our brother.
 If we have seen him
 we have seen the Father:
 Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world’s peace,
 Christ and none other;
 No one can serve him
 and despise another.
 Who else unites us one
 in God the Father?
 Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world’s life,

Christ and none other;
 Sold once for silver,
 murdered here, our brother.
 He who redeems us
 reigns with God the Father.
 Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory,
 God and none other;
 Give God the glory,
 Spirit, Son, and Father.
 Give God the glory,
 God with us our brother;
 Glory to God on high!

(Fred P. Green, 1969)

Let us pray together

Wondrous God, we are blessed that we can come together to praise you despite the restrictions and difficulties in our lives.

We come together to worship you and give you thanks. We celebrate our life together as your people.

In a moment of silence we share with you the things we want to give praise and thanks for today.

Moment of silence

Thank you for this delicate but awe-inspiring world we live in; for the opportunities in the world to respond to your call.

Thank you for a world which is full of diversity, where there are many opportunities to worship you and to serve you and those we meet in different ways.

Help us not to use their differences as excuses to build walls that divide. Help us to see each difference as a rainbow of hope and as a pattern where each colour is linked and bound together by your unending love.

Forgive us, loving God, when we do not accept the diversity of the world; when we forget that we are all your people, loved equally and known to you by name.

Forgive us for our foolishness and our thoughtless use of the gifts of your creation,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For our neglect of you, and our failure to care for others,

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For our selfishness in prayer and our carelessness in worship,

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Moment of silence

Here is good news for all who put their trust in Christ.

Jesus says: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Amen. Thanks be to God

(Words of confession from the Methodist Book of Worship)

Today's Gospel Reading: John 14: 1-14

Time to Reflect

A time of prayer

God our Saviour,

We pray for those who feel hopeless that they may hear your good news and be freed from their anguish.

Silence

We pray for those who have had their expectation of hope torn away, for those who feel discarded and deceived.

Silence

We pray that the Church will stand together with those who are suffering, working for acceptance and peace.

Silence

We pray for those who are beginning to hope, those who dare to dream of a better tomorrow.

Silence

We pray for all affected during this Covid-19 pandemic. We pray for those who are poor, sick, homeless, lonely, imprisoned, weighed down and powerless.

Silence

May your love reach them and may we all stand together. May your Church reach out to those in need, so that all may come to give thanks to you, and celebrate together.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: That where I Am

Sing / Read / pray / or listen to it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SziG5-MqTRY>

In my Father's house there are many, many rooms
In my Father's house there are many, many rooms
And I'm going up there now to prepare a place for you
That where I am, there you may also be

If I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again
If I go prepare a place for you, I will come back again
And you know I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, keep
my command That where I am, there you may also be

That where I am, there you may also be
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free
In the world you will have trouble, but I leave you my
peace That where I am, there you may also be

Remember you did not choose me, no I have chosen
you Remember you did not choose me, no I have
chosen you
The world will show you hatred, the Spirit show you
truth
That where I am, there you may also be

And I've come down from the Father, it's time for me
to go back up
Oh, I've come down from the Father, it's time for me
to go back up
One command I leave you: Love as I have loved
That where I am, there you may also be

That where I am, there you may also be
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free
In the world you will have trouble, but I leave you my
peace That where I am, there you may also be

That where I am, there you may also be
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free
In the world you will have trouble, but I'm leaving you
my peace That where I am, there you may also be

(Lyric Rich Mullins, 1998)

A prayer of blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life; and may almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Based on Liturgy by Cathie Steele, Vale of Glamorgan
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Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14: 1-14 (NIV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.