



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



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This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use while we are unable to use United Methodist Church premises. 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**

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
 still me, Lord, keep me from harm.  
 Let all the tumult within me cease;  
 enfold me, Lord in your peace.

David Adam (1936-2020)

**Song: "Love God, Love People"**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgbGrZlWnFM>

I've been running in circles  
 Jumping the hurdles  
 Getting caught in that rush of doing so  
 much  
 I'm feeling kinda worn out  
  
 All this checking the boxes  
 Trying to be flawless  
 Has me spinning my head, catching my breath  
 Too afraid to slow down

I tell myself to keep this up  
 That God wants more than just my love  
 But I've been complicating things  
 It's just like me to overthink

**Gotta keep it real simple  
 Keep it real simple  
 Bring everything right back to ground zero**

**'Cause it all comes down to this  
 Love God and love people  
 We're living in a world that keeps breakin'  
 But if we want to find a way to change it  
 It all comes down to this  
 Love God and love people**

Oh this is freedom (this is freedom)  
 The keys to the Kingdom  
 Knowing life will be found when love can be  
 loud

'Cause love is what it's all about

I tell myself to keep this up  
 That all God wants is just my love  
 No more complicating things  
 No more need to overthink

**Refrain:**

Love is patient  
 Love is kind  
 Rescues hearts and changes lives  
 Love is all we need to make things right  
 Gotta keep it real simple  
 It's really so simple, oh!

**Refrain:**

Keep on loving, keep on loving  
 Love God and love people  
 So keep on loving, keep on loving  
 It's all about love  
 It's how we change the world  
 Love God and love people

Songwriters: Danny Gokey / Colby Wedgeworth  
Love God Love People lyrics © All Essential Music

### **Prayer:**

God of our going out and our coming home, I worship you today.

For the times and places that have filled me with joy, I praise you.

Where I have chosen the wrong path and caused pain to myself, to you and to others, I ask your forgiveness.

For the assurance that you will walk beside me to forgive me and restore me, I thank you.

### **Today's Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 14:13-21

### **Time to Reflect**

...Today, we give thanks for one of many of God's miracles. What miracles does God have in store in your life? What do you have that God can put to use in ways you will hardly believe? I can't wait to see what God will do among us! Amen.

Take a time to sit quietly

### **A time of prayer**

Ever-present God, I join my prayer with all those who pray in the name of Jesus today:

We pray for your church that you grant us patience as we continue to the work we need to do to prepare for future gatherings together.

For those who are anxious about the future and those who see only threat in the days to come.

For those who are estranged from loved ones and feel they are unable to do anything to bring about reconciliation.

For those who wrestle in the night with trouble and distress of body, mind and soul.

I pray especially for ...

Holy God,  
help us to show others that you are present in the midst of their struggles, that together we might demonstrate your great love and concern for your world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father .....*

### **Hymn: "I can only Image"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DU0MwNpRq6M>

### ***or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind***

I can only imagine what it will be like  
When I walk, by your side  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see  
When you face is before me  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

**Surrounded by You glory  
What will my heart feel  
Will I dance for you Jesus  
Or in awe of You be still  
Will I stand in your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing hallelujah  
Will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine**

I can only imagine when that day comes  
When I find myself standing in the Son  
I can only imagine when all I would do is forever  
Forever worship You

I can only imagine  
I can only imagine

**Refrain //**

I can only imagine yeah yeah  
I can only imagine

I can only imagine ey ey ey  
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever, forever worship You  
I can only imagine

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**A prayer of blessing**

Power of God, be our protection; wisdom  
of God, be our guide; word of God, be our  
inspiration; shield of God, be our defence;  
hosts of God, be our deliverance; Son of  
God be our salvation; now and always.  
Amen

Based on Liturgy by Rev.d Dalwyn R Attwell  
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**Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)**

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.