



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



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What fragrance are you wearing today?

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 (NIV)

One of the most powerful senses we have is the sense of smell. I am not a flower lover, but for your information my favorite the flower is the Jasmine and its fragrance. Around Founders Hall and the Prayer Garden at our church it is full of Jasmine. I am just enjoy that fragrance. That Scent triggers memories from my childhood that I treasure. Those memories are from my grandmother's home.

As Christians, we carry the fragrance of the knowledge of our God and we should be like diffusers, spreading His sweet aroma in all that we do and wherever we go. We need to be gentle, loving, caring, forgiving, compassionate, understanding diffusers of Christ's love.

Each one of us can choose what fragrance we give off to others. Maybe we should ask ourselves from time to time, "What type of fragrance am I leaving behind? How am I affecting the world around me with the gifts God has given to me?"

Our fragrance should be one of love and kindness, not anger and harshness. It should be one of patience and faithfulness, not intolerance and selfishness. We should be lifting people's spirits with joy and peace and hope, not leaving them discouraged and broken. People, our fragrance should be pointing to the goodness of Christ.

When God created us, He created us just the same way as flowers, with a sweet aroma. We are filled with the Holy Spirit and we should bring God's sweet smelling aroma into every room we enter and each hallway we pass through. The fragrance of Christ never runs out, and best of all

this fragrance is free to everyone and is paid for, in full, by the One who loves us and treasures us more than we could ever imagine - Jesus, the Christ.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, help us to bear a heavenly aroma as we share the sweet perfume of Christ with others. Amen.

“Now I can say I Live a Day” (John Wesley)

Pastor Pablo

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Online Devotionals

To grow in your relationship with God and others, it is important to have some spiritual disciplines in your life. Below are some helpful websites that will lead you to read scripture, pray, and focus on God.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

A daily devotional including scripture lesson and story.

UPPER ROOM DAILY REFLECTIONS <https://upperroombooks.com/neweverymorning/>