



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. 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

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

All we need is You
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Hymn: "Hope Of The World"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N42Ror2SFTc>

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

The hope of the world
Lifted on high
Calling us home with arms out wide
To know You forever
To love You forever
You are our everything
[x2]

For the love poured out
For the price of freedom
Let the whole Earth sing
Hear the praises rising
We stand in awe of what You've done for us
at the cross

To know You forever
To love You forever
You are our everything
[x2]

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Let us pray together

Living Lord, we gather together across time and space to worship you; united by the words we read; united by our love for you. We celebrate your awesome majesty, your holiness, and your amazing love. We acknowledge you as Lord of our lives. We sing your praise and we bless your name. Living Lord, we give thanks for all that you have done in our lives and pray that we will continue to be open to your work in us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our sin erased
We're forgiven
You made a way
You are our ransom
We owe this life for all You've done for us at the cross

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Today's Gospel Reading: Mt 9:35 – 10:8

Time to Reflect

Every year we tell the story of Jesus ... through Advent to Christmas ... through Lent to Easter ... through the Easter season to the Ascension and on to Pentecost when we

celebrate the birth of the church and the coming of the Spirit. And it's a glorious story ... full of challenges and hard choices and wonders, and betrayal and suffering. And it's a story that ends with joy, hope, forgiveness and new life.

But today the story has been told and we move back into what the lectionary calls "ordinary time". The story's been told but it hasn't ended. In many ways it's just begun. You and I, together with all those who worship across the world today ... whether we're reading and reflecting on written services like this one, or sharing in streamed services on the internet, or gathered in households for prayer, or alone in our homes ... we are the church, and we live in ordinary time ... we live with the joyful knowledge of the resurrection, and there is work to be done.

In our Gospel reading it was compassion for those in need that moved Jesus to commission the twelve disciples and send them out to help with the work. He sent them out to those who needed the message of hope, to those who needed healing, and he sent them out to love and bring healing to those whom society considered untouchable and unlovable – the outsiders and the outcasts. To such as these the disciples were called to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God.

And it's the same today. Our buildings may be closed but the people are still here. For some the needs are obvious, for others they are hidden, invisible to casual observation. And society still has its outsiders and outcasts.

Healing takes many forms – physical, emotional, mental, spiritual. There are people who need our prayers. There are people who need us to reach out to them ... to hear a friendly voice on the phone or receive a card or a letter or a 'hi' across the internet. There are people who need more practical help. Some encounters will be easy and pleasant ... others will not.

So, as the church year moves once again past Trinity Sunday and back into ordinary time, we're reminded afresh that every day is a new beginning. Our buildings are closed but the Church is not, and Jesus, filled with compassion, is still calling workers to the field to proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed. And the field to which he calls us is all around us.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Our Father in heaven we lift our world to you today, knowing that you have called us to do so and knowing that you care about even the smallest detail of that world.

We lift to you all who suffer today at the hands of others, through war, greed, the abuse of power, or the abuse of words. May they find you standing with them, giving them strength. May they find your people upholding them and giving them a voice, that your love may be seen and known.

We lift to you all those who find themselves in positions of authority today, whether it be by choice, or because their skills have been recognized and needed, or because there is no one else available. May they seek wisdom in the right places and have the humility to know when they need help.

We lift to you all who suffer today as a result of this pandemic; through sickness, through the loss of loved ones, or through the exhausting workload of caring for others. May they know comfort, healing, reassurance and hope.

And we lift to you all those known to us personally who are in need today ... *(name them)* ... May they find grace, healing, and blessing.

We bring all these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us when we pray to say ...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: "The Summons"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU>

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

A prayer of blessing

May the One who makes all things new fill us
with grace, hope, peace and joy that together
we may live and work to God's praise and
glory in our world. Amen.

Based on Liturgy by Mary G Elms
Adaptation by Rev. Pablo Rovere

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You all will be in my prayer in my time on Vacation. (June 10th to June 17th)

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward
you and give you peace."*

Pasto Pablo

Ways You Can Worship Online This Sunday

Our Former Pastors

[Pastor Heather Bailes at Osterville UMC, Massachusetts](#)

[Pastor Susan Foster at St. Paul's UMC in Reno live on Zoom at 10 am](#)

Wesley UMC of Fresno

Worship will be live-streamed on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on [Facebook](#) (facebook.com/WesleyFresno/)

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 (NIV)

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

The Table UMC Sacramento

<https://thetableumc.org/> or go to

Online with *The Table* 9:30am Sunday via <https://www.facebook.com/thetableumc/>

Los Altos UMC Los Altos

Laumc.org/live

Sunday services at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm

UMC Church of the Resurrection

(Adam Hamilton)

<https://cor.org/leawood/live#/upnext>

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.