

To Be a *Blessing*



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

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A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday Worship Service – 6.7.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Peggy Gregory

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.

Opening Prayer

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" Praise Team

Passing the Peace of Christ (with hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, etc.)

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer

"I Surrender All" Praise Team

**** "Children are dismissed to **Godly Play** at this time****

Scripture Reading- Genesis 12:1-9

“Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”

”Sermon: “Honey Pack Light, We’re Moving” -Pastor Pablo Vargas

God calls Abram to leave what is familiar (vv. 1–3)

- a. Faith often begins with trust before certainty.
- b. God's call invites us into a new future.

God's promise is bigger than Abram

- a. "All the families of the earth shall be blessed" (v. 3).
- b. God's mission has always been intercultural and inclusive.

Blessed to be a blessing

- a. Blessing is not a destination; it is a calling.
- b. We are recipients and stewards of God's grace.

Faith has no age limit

- a. Abram was 75 years old when God called him.
- b. Every generation has a vital role in God's kingdom.

Growing Young through intergenerational relationships

- a. One generation shares God's story with another.
- b. We grow stronger when all ages are known, valued, and empowered.

Building altars along the way (vv. 7–8)

- a. Abram worshiped before the promise was fulfilled.
- b. Worship anchors us when the future is uncertain.

Big Picture: God's call is an invitation to trust, to grow, and to participate in God's work of blessing all people. "The journey isn't over yet."

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries,

ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

(silent prayer of confession)

Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Communion

“In Christ Alone”

Praise Team

Invitation to Give our Tithes & Offering

Offering Prayer (In Unison)

Calling God, you spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.

Benediction (Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour)