



First United Methodist Church of **Hanford**

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A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday Morning Worship Service - 6.27.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Jason Marks

Words of Welcome & Announcements
Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Opening Prayer

Trust and Obey

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Responsive Call to Worship

The apostle Paul calls us to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” What is the mind of Jesus?

The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul reminds us that “it is God who is at work in you.” How is God at work in us?

God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul exhorts us to “work on your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

How do we work on our own salvation?

We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Praise Team

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer

****Children will be dismissed at this time****

Scripture Reading- Matthew 21: 23-32 (NRSV)

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things." ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^{ial} went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Let Your Life Be the Yes"

-Rev. Pablo R. Vargas

Prayer of Confession:

Within the strength of community, in the power of silence, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator. Let us offer our confession before God and each other. **Holy God, we know that in so many ways We have run from you, We have ignored your call, We have closed our eyes to your presence, We have disbelieved your mercy, We have disregarded your words, We have belittled ourselves, We have forsaken others. So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving. And hear now our silent prayers.**

(silent prayer)

Receive the good news: God's love abounds for us,
Forgiving us and restoring us to Community with God and one another.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God! Amen.

“Only Trust Him”

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Offering Prayer (In Unison)

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. Amen.

Invitation to give Our Tithes and Offering (followed by Doxology)

“The Summons”

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Benediction (*Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour*)