



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 14, 2023 | 11am

(If you are visiting, thank you for choosing First United Methodist Church today. Please take a minute to complete a Contact/Prayer Card located in the pew racks. Place the card into the collection plates anytime during worship.)

**Our Vision for First UMC is to share the message of Christ through community, compassion and faith.
So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Hymn

"Gather Us In" # 2236

Responsive Call to Worship

One: In the midst of our failures,

All: We stand in God's grace.

One: In the midst of our struggles,

All: We boast in our hope through Christ.

One: In the midst of our suffering,

All: We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

One: In every part of our lives,

All: The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts. Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship. Amen.

Hymn

"Great Is the Lord" # 2022

Opening Prayer

Living and gracious God, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have brought us out to a spacious place where we are called to live as those redeemed. Empower us by your spirit to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love and our hope with gentle word and reverent deed to all your people. Amen.

Hymn "How Majestic is Your Name" # 2023

Passing of the Peace Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" # 2191

Scripture reading **John 14: 15-21 (NIV)**

Children Moment "Where Children belong" #2233

Message "God's love never leaves"

Hymn "Glorify Thy Name" # 2016

Words of Offering and Prayer

Doxology # 95

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and loving God, we remember. We remember the others who have encouraged us. Many people have taught us. We have been forgiven. We have been loved. We admit that we haven't done it all ourselves. In a way, this offering is a response to all that has come before us. We pray that the money will be used to encourage, to teach, to forgive, and to love in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn "My Life Is in You, Lord" # 2032

Benediction