



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship
Sunday, May 07, 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

Responsive Call to Worship

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe in Jesus Christ the Son.

For God has prepared something new for us,

The reign of Christ that we have glimpsed here and now.

For this is Christ's commandment,

That we love one another.

Christ has shown us the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

For everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples, if we have love for one another.

Hymn

"We Gather Together" # 131

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Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown to us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly. Through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art" #77

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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

“It Is Well with My Soul” # 377

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Scripture reading

John 14: 1-14 (NIV)

Children Moment

“Where Children belong” #2233

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Message

“Flip Your House!”

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance” # 369

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Words of Offering and Prayer**Doxology # 95**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Lord, we believe in the amazing gift of your son. We share this offering with the unceasing prayer that your work in this world will spring up and break forth in all corners of this global community. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving HUM#13

Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together” #618

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Benediction

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen