



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



12th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 20th, 2023 | 11am

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(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

L: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

P: God's love flows through our lives!

L: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

P: this is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

L: Let us rejoice on this day!

P: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. AMEN.

Hymn

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" # 349

Opening Prayer

Lord, be with us today as we come to you from all life's circumstances. Give us courage and strength and fill us with your love and grace that we may serve you effectively and fully. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" #172

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

"Breathe on me breath of god" #420

Scripture readings

Matthew 15: 21-28 (NIV)

Please respond to "The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ," with "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

Children Moment

"Where Children belong" #2233

Message

"A Faith That won't give up!"

Hymn

"Be Still, My Soul" #534

Words of Offering and Prayer

Doxology # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lift!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. AMEN.

Closing Hymn

"There is a Fountain" #622 (Vs. 1-4)

Benediction