



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



11th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 13th, 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: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

P: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

L: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

P: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

L: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

P: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

[Lyrics are from UMH #512 "Stand by Me", Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906]

Hymn "Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 400

Opening Prayer

Hymn "Take Time to be Holy" # 395

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 "Nothing but the Blood" #362

Scripture readings **Matthew 14: 22-33 (NIV)**

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

Children Moment

"Where Children belong" #2233

Message

"Are we expecting him?"

Celebration of Baptism

Hymn

"Close to Thee" # 407

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

Closing Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" #361

Benediction