



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



13th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 27th, 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: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

P: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.

L: God is with us, giving that wondrous healing love to each one.

P: Blessed be God who watches over us.

L: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

P: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us. AMEN.

Hymn

“The Church’s one foundation” #545 **(Vs 1,2, 4,5)**

Opening Prayer

O Lord, you bind us together in love, to learn, to be healed, to grow, to serve. Be with us this day and open our hearts to the amazing opportunities to help others through the gifts we possess. In Jesus’ glorious name, we pray. AMEN.

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This” # 292

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

“My Hope Is Built” # 368

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Scripture readings

Matthew 16: 13-20 (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

"Who are you saying that I am?"

Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 110

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

Merciful Lord, you have provided each of us with many similar, yet unique gifts. Thank you, Lord, for the talents and abilities of people within this congregation. We are a blessed people! Now, we unite as one body to share in this worshipful act of the offering. Giving is such a joy-filled experience! Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to support the transformation of people's spiritual lives through the ministry and mission of this body of Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation" #529 (Vs 1,2,4,5)

Benediction