



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Second Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 25th, 2024 | 11am

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**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 (Responsively)

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: Blessed be the Lord, our God.

Leader: When we try to tell God what to do, Christ chastens us
and leads us back onto the paths of life.

People: Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.

Leader: From our earliest steps, the Spirit guides our steps
and sets before us the ways of life and death..

People: Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.

Leader: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

People: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.

Hymn There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood #622 – Red Hymnal

Opening Prayer

Spirit of the ages, name us and claim us according to your purposes, as you once called Abram and Sarai long ago. Train our ears to hear your call, and tune our hearts to open at the sound of your voice. As we pick up our cross to follow you, raise us to newness of life. For you call us to be children of your covenant, heirs with your Son, and disciples of your grace. Amen.

Hymn Since Jesus Came Into My Heart #2140 – The Faith We Sing Book

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

Hymn Onward, Christian Soldiers

#575 – *Red Hymnal*

Scripture readings

Mark 8:31-38 **(NIV)**

Children Moment

“Where Children Belong” # 2233

Message

“Embracing the Divine Comedy”

Jan Franke

Pastoral Prayer:

Hymn The Old Rugged Cross #504 – *Red Hymnal*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology # 94

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God of manifold blessings, bless our lives to your service, even as we consecrate these gifts in service of a world in need. May our offering go forth this day, and be a reflection of your glory for all who struggle to know your ways. As these gifts go forth to do your work, may they help others hear your voice as you call their names. In the spirit of your grace and peace, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus #514 – *Red Hymnal*

Benediction

God’s promises endure from generation to generation.
May the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the God who sent Jesus to redeem us,
the God whose covenant is eternal,
bless you and make you fruitful.