



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



**Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Order of Worship**

**Sunday April 21<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 11am**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Centering Time** - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

**Opening Hymn**

Shepherd me oh God **TFWS # 2058**

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)**

L: What a joy it is to welcome you this day!

**P: We are grateful and happy to be here.**

L: Christ, invites you to walk with him.

**P: We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.**

L: Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you.

**P: Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord,  
to receive your holy words and to be challenged in our service to you. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Jesus, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

**Hymn**

The Lords my shepherd I'll not want **UMH # 136**

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**Hymn**

Here I am to Worship # 3177

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 28:16-20

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

**Message:**

**Hymn of Response**

The King of love my shepherd is **UMH # 138**

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**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE**

**\*Doxology**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**Lord, help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this town. We ask this through your son; our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

How firm a foundation **UMH # 529**

**\*Benediction**