



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Fifth Sunday after Easter

Order of Worship

Sunday April 28th, 2024 | 11am

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Opening Hymn

Lead me Lord # 473

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race,
to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, "may all have enough."

We gather to live into the work of God's call.

We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation,
awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment, in grace again-and-again.

We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter,
one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to live and move and be.

Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy. We gather to be.

Opening Prayer

Gardening God, cultivate in us a spirit of openness in this time of worship. Help us to till the soil of our hearts, to dig deep into Your scriptures, to nourish our bodies and spirits with song and praise. Help us to love one another more fully, and to bear spiritual fruit, for You are the vine, and we are the branches, and in You will live, grow, and have the fullness of life. Amen.

Hymn

Be thou my vision # 451

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Hymn

Come thou font of every blessing # 400

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Gospel Lesson:

Luke 19: 1-10

A Time for Children of All Ages

Message:

“Discipleship at the dinner table with Jesus”

Hymn of Response

Nearer my God to thee # 528 V.1,3,5.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Holy Lord, you have perfected love among us by sending your son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We humbly acknowledge your gift is an overwhelming pronouncement of grace. We share these tithes and offerings today with the hope that your children everywhere will be anointed with the knowledge that your perfect love casts out all fears. Amen.

Sending Hymn

My hope is built on nothing less # 368

***Benediction**