



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Order of Worship

Sunday August 11th, 2024 | 11am

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“No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on your spiritual journey...
You are welcome here!”

Our Mission: *We seek to grow in God’s Grace by sharing the message of Jesus Christ through community, compassion, and faith. So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.*

Our Vision: *We seek to grow in love with Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, people to people, and people to service.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Opening Hymn

Oh worship the King UMH # 73 (vs.1-2, 4-5)

Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.

We gather today knowing there are people in our world
who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

Our work of peace begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in our community
who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

Our work of love begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world
that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

Our work of hope begins with prayer.

We gather not to look away from the world
but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God’s love.

**May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying,
do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.**

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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Hymn: Guide me, o thou great Jehovah UMH # 127

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Children's Moment

Message: "Here I am Lord. Send Me!"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Hymn Here I Am, Lord UMH # 593

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness)

As forgiven and reconciled people let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be "imitators of God" and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Closing Hymn: Sent out in Jesus name TFWS # 2184

***Benediction**