



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



### Order of Worship

**Sunday August 25th, 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**

This is the day UMH # 657

#### **Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)**

Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?

**To worship God, who lives among us.**

God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

**To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.**

When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

**Hearts open to recognize God living among us.**

Then, come! Let us worship together!

**We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves,  
and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. Amen

#### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let us now bless one another with the peace of God’s presence.

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**Hymn:** Come, though almighty King UMH # 61

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 5: 17-26

**Children's Moment**

**Message:** "Let's talk about inclusion"

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Hymn** Blessed assurance UMH # 369

**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)**

**O Lord, we are so happy to offer you these monetary gifts. We recognize that we are able to worship here because of the generous giving of this congregation. Yet, our giving and our prayer extend beyond us. We pray that these offerings and tithes will be used to reach out to others in the community who need to find a joyful trust in you. "Happy is everyone who trusts in you." All praise and glory to you! Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Go fourth for God UMH # 670

**\*Benediction**