



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Order of Worship

Sunday August 4th, 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

Call to Worship (Responsively)

My heart is glad!
My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!
For you do not abandon me.
You give me counsel.
You are at my right hand.
You show me the path of life.
Your presence is sheer joy.
You are my God; apart from you, I have no good. Blessed is your name!

OPENING PRAYER

God of unity and peace, bind us together as we come now to worship. Strengthen the ties that make us your family. Grant us the grace to recognize our gifts and our place in this body. Guide us to hear your calling as you speak to our lives. Encourage us to bravely burst forth as pastors and teachers, prophets and healers, evangelists and leaders. Dwell in our very hearts that we may serve in humility — braided with strength and gentleness, intertwined with passion. Build us up in love, that we may grow in our knowledge and our love of you. Speak your truth to our lives, that we may lead lives worthy of your calling. 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:

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Children's Moment

Message: Why does this matter, this thing call LOVE?

We Lift Up to God Our Joys, Concerns

Hymn

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION
(All are welcome)

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.

Offering/offertory

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of miraculous grace, transform our gifts into the work of ministry. Transform our lives into your presence in the world. Through these gifts, may we grow in the knowledge of Christ and be strengthened in the unity of faith. Transform these gifts into the bread of life so that in our giving others may be fed. Make these gifts the waters that spring up into eternal life, so that in our giving, others may be nurtured and strengthened as children of God. In your loving and nurturing name, we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 13 UMH)

Sending Hymn

***Benediction**