



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Order of Worship

Sunday September 29th, 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.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Opening Hymn

We are called TFWS # 2172

Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)

L: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

P: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

L: We struggle and worry.

P: God’s loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

L: Listen for God’s call to you.

P: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ’s Name. Amen

Hymn:

Lord speak to me UMH # 463

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Scripture Readings:

James 5: 13-20

Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

(As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward)

Message:

Why do we go to Church?

David Beeman

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Just as I am UMH # 357

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

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

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service. May our gifts bring hope and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

They'll know we are Christians by our Love TFWS # 2223

***Benediction**

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Remember the healing love that has taken place in your life. Be open to all the wonders and opportunities that God puts before you. Go in peace. Amen.