



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Order of Worship

Sunday September 8th, 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 gather together UMH # 131

Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)

L: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

P: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.

L: Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

P: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.

L: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

P: Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.

Hymn:

Together we serve TFWS # 2175

Scripture Reading:

Mark: 7: 24-37

Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

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

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Message: "Be opened"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Living for Jesus TFWS # 2149

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

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)

All that we do is in your holy name, O God. Even as we share the riches of our labors, may we continue to honor your name in all that we do. Bless these gifts given freely, that your justice and mercy may prevail in a weak and weary world. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Sent fourth by God's blessing UMH # 664

***Benediction (Responsive)**

Pastor: Beloveds, may God bless you today and all days with wisdom that guides you.

ALL: We go committed to noticing the needs all around us.

Pastor: Beloveds, go and share in the work of nurturing abundant life for ALL of God's creation.

ALL: We go, with joy, guided by the Holy Spirit, to serve!