



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Order of Worship

Sunday October 13th, 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: It was easy to come to worship this morning.

P: We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.

L: How hard it is to enter God's kingdom.

P: We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

L: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

P: Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.

Hymn: Amazing grace UMH # 378

The Peace: We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you".

Scripture Reading: Luke 6: 37-45

Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

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

Message:

“What size is our Measuring Cup?”

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore UMH # 89

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)

Almighty God, you continue to bless our lives in many intrinsic and intangible ways. When our financial gifts are used to support mission and ministry, we see other people blessed in very tangible ways. Our desire is to place you first in our financial decision-making. May this offering be a time when we do place you first and we are grateful for this opportunity. We pray in the name of the One through whom all things are possible. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Sent fourth by God's blessing UMH # 664

***Benediction**