



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



**Order of Worship**

**Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 11am**

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**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

“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**                      All Creatures of Our God and King UMH # 62 (vs. 1-4 and 7)

**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

L: What to you bring before the Lord this day?

**P: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord**

L: What do you seek?

**P: We seek peace for our weary souls.**

L: You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.

**P: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.

**Hymn**

Together we serve TFWS # 2175

**Sharing of 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:**                      Mark 12: 38-44

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## **Children's Moment**

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

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

**Message:**

**Where do we focus in our faith journey?**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn:**

Trust and obey UMH # 467

## **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)**

**Forgiving God, people give for so many reasons – guilt, joy, obligation, gratitude, obedience, hope, control, thankfulness. Remind us of your call to examine everything that we have; after all, our money and possessions are really gifts from you. You call us to use them wisely – to share them openly – to give them generously. So thank you for this celebration of giving. Receive this offering and release us from the foolish temptation to believe that it is best spent on ourselves. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

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

## **\*Benediction**

You have heard the words of healing and of peace. You have been blessed by the Spirit of God. Go now into God's world to be the spirit of hope, peace and blessing for others, knowing that God is always with you. Go in peace. AMEN.