



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Reconciling Congregation

Order of Worship

Sunday January 26th, 2025 | 11am

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

“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 hail the power of Jesus’ name UMH # 154 (1-3)

Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
And the earth proclaims God's handiwork.
As we proclaim the praise of God,
**May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to God, our rock and our redeemer.**

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. “We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn Be thou my vision UMH # 451

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: Luke 4: 14-21

Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

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

Message: This Blessed Day

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: "The Summons" TFWS #2130

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)

Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen

Closing Hymn: Lord of the dance UMH # 261 (1-3)

***Benediction**