



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 | 11am

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**Fourth 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** Love divine all loves excelling UMH # 384

**Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)**

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

**P: But who am I, that God should call me?**

L: You are a beloved child of God.

**P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.**

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

**P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN**

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Hymn** They'll know we are Christians TFWS # 2223

**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:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 - Luke 4: 21-30

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## Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

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

**Message:** "Love leads the way"

## Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn:** What wondrous love is this UMH # 292

## 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)

**God of love, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded that without love, all our actions fall short of their true purpose. May this offering be a reflection of the love that never fails, and may it serve to build up your kingdom with faith, hope, and love as its foundation. Bless these gifts to spread your love to every heart they touch. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 12ff)

All are welcome

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*... And so with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

*... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP & PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

*If you would like to be served communion at your seat, please raise your hand and an usher will bring the elements to you.*

#### **THE PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Sent out in Jesus name TFWS # 2184

### **\*Benediction**