



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Reconciling Congregation

Sunday, September 28, 2025 | 11am

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Welcoming Statement

"No matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey...

You are welcome here! Welcome to Hanford UMC"

Our Vision for First UMC is to share the message of Christ through community, compassion and faith.

So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Mission is to connect people to God, people to people, and people to service.

Announcements:

- **Sign Up for a Meal with Pastor Pablo and the Vargas Family-** See the sign up on the bulletin
- **Wednesday Bible Study and WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) is back!** Beginning on October 15th at 6:30pm
- **Food Distribution is back!** Beginning Tuesday November 25. See Jane Gozun for volunteer opportunities.
- **Potluck, karaoke and games at Founder's Hall** following today's worship service
- **2025 Charge Conference at 1:30pm**

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Responsive Call to Worship (Unison)

We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

worship in the shadow of God's wings.

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Beloved,

We gather to

Hymn

We Gather Together: #131

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".

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas

Hymn

We Are Called: #2172

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Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Children Dismissed to Godly Play

Message:

Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas: "Send Someone from the Dead to Them"

Sermon Notes (These are the Pastor's Personal Notes from his study and Prep work):

Song

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57

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)

Loving God, we offer you the gift of our lives, recognizing all you provide for each of us. Please receive the symbols of each of our lives presented in this offering. And accept, as well, the good intentions of our hearts and minds as we offer you our time and talent, that we might live in gratitude rather than in fear. AMEN

Closing Hymn: ~

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" #519

Benediction