



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Reconciling Congregation

Sunday, September 14, 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 on a Wednesday evening- sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in hosting or participating in this communal event.**
- **2nd Sunday of the month potluck Sunday- stay afterwords for a tasty meal, and some koinonia (great fellowship).**
- **Charge conference this year will be held on Sunday September 28th at 1:30pm. We plan to have a church potluck for that Sunday, so stayed tuned.**
- **Wednesday Bible Study and WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) is back! Beginning on October 15th at 6:30pm**
- **MST Meeting Wednesday September 25th, 5pm**

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Opening Hymn

We Glorify the King of Kings #2087

Responsive Call to Worship (Unison)

We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

God is our hope and our refuge.

We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

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We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

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Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Amazing Grace

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".

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Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Children Dismissed to Godly Play

Message:

Pastor Pablo Vargas: "I Got 99 Problems, but a Sheep Ain't One"

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

Pastoral Prayer

Song

Blest Are They : TFWS#2155

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:

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Since Jesus Came Into My Heart #2140

Benediction