



# POWER OF PRESENCE



First United Methodist Church of Hanford  
*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



A Reconciling Congregation

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**Pastor: Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas**  
**Music Director: Cavan O'Neill**

**Sunday Morning Worship Service**  
***Lay Worship Leader- Peggy Gregory***

**-Words of Welcome**

**-Announcements**

**-Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

**We come to be cleansed and made whole.**

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

**We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.**

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

**We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.**

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

**We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.**

**Opening Prayer**

**“Holy Spirit”**

***Praise Team***

***Passing the Peace of Christ (with hugs, handshakes, and fist bumps)***

***Pastor Welcome and Prayer***

**“Hymn of Promise”**

**UMH-707**

## Scripture Reading- Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.*  
(Children are dismissed to “Godly Play”)

People: **Thanks be to God.**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **UMH-400**

**Message: “This is my Son, Jesus”** **-Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas**

“Let Us Break Bread Together” **UMH-618**

### **INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE –** **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

**Closing Hymn**      **“One Bread One Body”**      **UMH-620**

**Benediction (Stay Afterwards for some Cookies & Coffee)**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Check out our new announcement board in the sanctuary entry.**

## **Today After Church**

**Join us for Coffee Hour and then, if possible, stay to help remove the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary**

**Tuesday, January 13 – 6:30 pm**

**Outreach & Nurture Team**

**Help us look ahead to the ministries and outreach of our church  
All are welcome.**

**Wednesday, January 21 - 5:00 pm**

**Ministry Support Team**

**Thursday January 22 - Laundry Love**

**Shifts from 2:30 to 5:00 or 5:00 to 7:30**

***Lainey Lily Laundry***

***1716 N 11th Ave, Hanford, CA 93230***

***Behind Taco Bell and Walgreens***

**Saturday, January 24 - 9:00 am**

**Church Work Day**

**Come help with a variety of projects from painting, furniture moving tidying up, sorting and organizing**

**Tuesday, January 27 – 9:00-11:00**

## **Food Distribution**

**Please come at 8:00 or before to help set up and pack food.**