



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



"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."



A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday Morning Worship Service - 2.8.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Patricia Ferrell

-Words of Welcome

-Announcements

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

Responsive Call to Worship

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

Opening Prayer

"Light of the World"

Praise Team

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer

Scripture Reading- Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Children are dismissed to “Godly Play”)

Choir Anthem

Message: “Still Salty, Still Shining”

-Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas

“We’ve a Story to Tell”

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INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE –

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn- “Christ for the World We Sing”

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Benediction (*Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out our new announcement board in the sanctuary entry.

Memorial Service for Vicki Beeman

Monday, February 9

10:00 am - In our Sanctuary

Followed by a light brunch in Founder's Hall.

At 1:15 pm there will be an inurnment of ashes at the Bakersfield National Cemetery

Fellowship Lunch February 15 after Worship

Ash Wednesday Service (Location TBD) 7:00 pm

Get Ready for Vision Sunday New Date

Sunday, March 8- 1:00 pm-2:30pm

- Share, listen, and Pray

All are welcome to stay for a special time to focus on the vision for the future of our church and its ministries.

Give
Your



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Code

'Love Your Neighbor' Food Drive

Help restock our pantry!
Donate nonperishable
food & household
essentials for our
neighbors in need!

