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First United Methodist Church of **Hanford**

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"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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Pastor: Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas
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Sunday Morning Worship Service - 3.1.2026

Lay Worship Leader- Jason Marks

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God's grace with open arms.

Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God's promise of new life has always rested on grace.

We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.

Opening Prayer

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Praise Team

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer

“What Wonderful Love is This”

UMH-292

Scripture Reading- John 3:1-17

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Born Again...and Again...and Again” -Rev. Pastor Pablo Vargas

“And Can It Be” (To be sung during offertory)

UMH-2363

**OFFERTORY- INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE –
PRAYER OF DEDICATION_(In Unison)**

Faithful God of New Beginnings, you call us—as you called Abraham—to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. As Nicodemus discovered, your love is not earned but freely given. Receive now these gifts we offer—not as payment or proof, but as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your transforming love with a world still searching in the dark. In the name of your Son, given in love, we pray. Amen.

Communion

“Trees of the Field”

TFWS- 2279

Benediction (*Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out our new announcement board in the sanctuary entry.

Church Workdays

March 7 and March 14

9:00-11:00 am

Breakfast Burritos Provided

Come help with some painting and some general cleanup and organizing.

Get Ready for Vision Sunday

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

Following Lunch

Share, Listen, and Pray

Outreach and Nurture

Tuesday, March 10 – 6:30 pm

Lenten & Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday April 2 6:00 pm

First Christian Church

Good Friday – April 3 – 6:30 pm

Episcopal Church of Our Savior

Easter Sunday – April 5

Sunrise Service – 6:30am

(Breakfast following)

Sanctuary Worship – 11:00am



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'Love Your Neighbor' Food Drive

Help restock our pantry!

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

