



Companion for the Journey



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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Pastor: Rev. Pastor Pablo R. Vargas
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Sunday Morning Worship Service - 3.8.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Jim Shoemaker

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

Opening Prayer

"Come Thou Fount"

UMH 400

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer (Prayer of Intercession... "Lord Hear Our Prayer")

"Gather Us In"

TFWS-2236

Scripture Reading- John 4:5-42

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Children are dismissed to "Godly Play")

Choir Anthem

Message: “Well... that Went Viral” -Rev. Pastor Pablo Vargas

Sermon Notes:

“He had to go” – ἔδει (*edei*) Meaning: *necessary*. John suggests that Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman was part of God’s activity. “The necessity is theological rather than geographical.” — Raymond E. Brown, *The Gospel According to John*

“Living Water” – ὕδωρ ζῶν (*hydōr zōn*) Literally: *flowing or fresh water*. In John’s Gospel it symbolizes the life God gives through Christ. “Living water represents the life of the Spirit that Jesus provides.” — Craig Keener, *The Gospel of John*

“Spirit and Truth” – πνεῦμα (*pneuma*) & ἀλήθεια (*alētheia*) *Pneuma*: breath, spirit, life-giving presence *Alētheia*: truth, revealed reality. True worship is not about location but about relationship with God. “True worship is no longer tied to sacred geography but to the reality revealed in Jesus.” — N. T. Wright, *John for Everyone*

Witness/Testimony – μαρτυρία (*martyria*) The Samaritan woman becomes the first witness to Jesus among the Samaritans. “The Samaritan woman becomes a model disciple and missionary.”

— Sandra Schneiders, *Written That You May Believe*

“Savior of the World” – Σωτὴρ τοῦ κόσμου (*Sōtēr tou kosmou*) The Samaritans’ confession shows the universal scope of Jesus’ mission. “This confession expands the reach of Jesus’ mission beyond Israel to the whole world.” — Gail O’Day, *The New Interpreter’s Bible*

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

Steadfast God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice—not in ease or achievement—but in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. You pour your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray. Amen.

“I Love to Tell the Story”

UMH 156

Benediction (*Stay Afterwards Lunch and Vision Day*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out our new announcement board in the sanctuary entry.

Lunch & Vision Sunday

Today following worship

Stay, Share, Listen, Pray and Plan for the Future

Outreach and Nurture

Tuesday, March 10 – 6:30 pm

Church Workday

Saturday March 14

9:00-11:00 am

Breakfast Burritos Provided

Come help with paint, some general cleanup and organizing.

Laundry Love

Thursday March 19

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

Lainey Lily Laundry

1716 N 11th Ave, Hanford, CA 93230

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday April 2 7:00 pm

First Christian Church

Good Friday – April 3 – 6:30 pm

Episcopal Church of Our Savior



'Love Your Neighbor' Food Drive

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



Easter Sunday April 5

Sunrise Service – 6:30am

(In Prayer Garden/Breakfast following)

Sanctuary Worship – 11:00am

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Code**