



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

“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 Worship Service – 5.24.2026
Lay Worship Leader- David Beeman

Pentecost Sunday

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Spirit of the Living God UMH-539

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer (Psalm 104:24-34, 35b)

“Breathe On Me Breath of God”

UMH-420

** Children are dismissed to **Godly Play** at this time**

Scripture Reading- Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability...

Sermon: “When the Spirit Shows Up, Everybody Gets a Voice” -Pastor Pablo Vargas

- The Holy Spirit is **not exclusive**, it comes to **all people**.
- The youth are not just the future of the church- they are part of the church **right now**
- Older generations carry **wisdom, memory**, and **faithfulness** that we still need.
- The miracle of Pentecost is not sameness, but **understanding across differences**.
- God speaks through many **voices, cultures, languages**, and **generations**.
- Healthy churches make room for:
 - questions, authenticity, participation, and **shared leadership**.
- The Spirit often disrupts comfort in order to expand **compassion**.
- Pentecost calls the church to become an **intergenerational** community where:
 - **everyone** belongs, **everyone** is valued, and **everyone** has a voice.
- “Your young shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams.” Joel 2 / Acts 2

“Holy Spirit Truth Divine”

UMH-465

Prayer of Confession:

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings ("Holy Spirit" -Praise Team)

Offering Prayer (In Unison)

Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts—not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.

Closing Song- "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

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Benediction (Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour)