



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 – 5.31.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Patty Ferrell

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

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Opening Hymn: God Created Heaven and Earth UMH-151

Opening Prayer

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH-62

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer

The Apostles Creed

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

Praise Team

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

Scripture Reading- Genesis 1:1-2:4a

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was complete chaos, and darkness...

Sermon: “Out of Chaos and Darkness: Imago Dei” -Pastor Pablo Vargas

1. Creation Begins With God

God creates through wisdom, order, and relationship—not violence or chaos.

“The world is created not by conflict among the gods, but by the sovereign speech of one God.”

— Walter Brueggemann

2. Every Person Bears God’s Image

Genesis declares the sacred worth and dignity of all people.

“To be made in God’s image means humans are called to represent God’s character and care within creation.”

— John H. Walton

3. Dominion Means Stewardship

Creation is entrusted to humanity as a sacred responsibility.

“The earth is not ours to possess; it is God’s world entrusted to our care.”

— Ellen F. Davis

4. Sabbath Is Holy Resistance

Human worth is rooted in belovedness, not productivity.

“Sabbath is resistance against the violence of overwork and endless production.”

— Walter Brueggemann

Prayer of Confession: As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness. Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, Redeemer, and ever-present Sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

(silent prayer of confession)

We trust in these promises:

**that the Triune God, in each of its persons,
promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth.**

**The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being
as the foundation for reconciliation of all of God's people and for Creation.
In these truths, we trust and give thanks. Thanks Be to God!**

Invitation to Give our Tithes & Offering

Offering Prayer (In Unison)

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. Amen.

Closing Song- "We Believe in One True God"

UMH- 85

Benediction (Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour)