

Forming a Family,
Preparing a People



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 – 6.14.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Bob Junell

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Opening Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Responsive Call to Worship

One: God has called us to proclaim the good news.

Many: But the people are harassed and helpless, tossed about by a complicated world.

O: Jesus said, “the Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

M: So we ask the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest.

O: Jesus summoned the disciples to go into the world.

M: And they went, casting out demons and healing the sick.

O: Church, are we able to do the same? Can we hear God’s call?

M: With God’s help, we can try. With God’s help, we will go.

First Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Opening Hymn: The Summons

TFWS-2130

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer-

Rev. Chaplain Eric Brown

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Praise Team

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

Scripture Reading- Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 Then Jesus¹ summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;¹ ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “The Harvest is Plentiful”

-Rev. Chaplain Eric Brown

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love
in his determination to defeat evil
even when this meant giving up his own life.

**Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish
because we fear that taking up one's cross
would be just too costly an exercise.**

(Silent reflection on these words)

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Help us when we hesitate,

and strengthen us when we are weak

Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives—
so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us.

Amen.

Offering Prayer (In Unison) and Collection

Calling God, you spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.

Closing Hymn- We've a Story to tell the Nations UMH- 569

Benediction (Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour)