



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 – 6.21.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Jason Marks

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to you as children weary of life's struggles and challenges. We come to you this morning ready to be refreshed in your spirit through worship, through the reading of Scripture, through praise and prayer. May your holy spirit lead us in this sacred time of gathering and celebration of the life we have in you. Amen.

Responsive Call to Worship

When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

And God pays attention to us.

As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH-140

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

Reading of Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 "Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all

day long.⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer-

Jim Shoemaker

“Heart of Worship” – Praise Team

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

Scripture Reading- Romans 6:1-11 “What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus”

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

Message: “We Are All Sinners”

-Jim Shoemaker

“All Who Hunger”

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Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offering

Offering Prayer (In Unison) Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard. Amen

Closing Hymn- “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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Benediction (Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour)