

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 – 6.28.2026
Lay Worship Leader- Jim Shoemaker

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)

Responsive Call to Worship

One: In Micah 6 we read, “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Many: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

O: He has told you, O mortal, what is good. What does the Lord require of you?

M: Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

O: Church, can we do this?

M: With God’s help, we will try. With God’s help, we will walk humbly with our God.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Opening Hymn: “Trust and Obey”

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer-

Rev. Chaplain Eric Brown

“Still”

Praise Team

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

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Sermon title: “So, Can I Sin?”

Rev. Chaplain Eric Brown

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Comforter, draw near, for You have waited and watched, as we have stumbled through the tasks of life. Our ears have not been open to the sound of Your gentleness, and so with frustration and anger, we have turned on those we love and cherish and brought hurt and division to life. In prayer, we remember You invite us to choose between the path of darkness and the path of light, and laying our sorrow and failure on the ground, we long for Your forgiveness to call us towards life with You. We wait to be reshaped by the fire of Your Holy Spirit, as new vigour spurs us to walk with You.

Invitation to Give our Tithes & Offering

Offering Prayer (In Unison)

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- “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

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Benediction (Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour)