COME, YOU BLESSED



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

"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 Morning Worship Service - 11.22.2026
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Words of Welcome & Announcements
Centering Time (Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship)
Opening Prayer

<u>Responsive Call to Worship</u>

Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.
We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.
We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.
Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. Thanks be to God! Amen.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH-327

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

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer (Psalm 100)

"Lord of All Creation" Praise Team

****"Children will be dismissed at this time"****

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will
put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at
his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and
you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it
that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when
was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart
from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and
you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and
you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45
Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the
righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon: "The GOAT, the Goats and the Sheep" -Rev. Pablo R. Vargas

Prayer of Confession:

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:
We confess you are still speaking!
In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:
We confess you are still speaking!
In a world crying out for wisdom, love, and mercy:
We confess you are still speaking!
In a world calling for the blessing of truth:
We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to receive!

We confess that in our lives we often hide behind
our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.
We let ourselves get so bus that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering.
We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness
and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause of justice for all;
strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.
The Word of God assures us
that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ,
whose grace forgives and empowers us
to love our neighbors near and far,
to speak up for those who are broken.
Beloved, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name- UMH 155

Offering Prayer (In Unison)- Compassionate Shepherd, you have blessed us beyond measure and taught us to find your face in the hungry, the lonely, the stranger, and the forgotten. Receive these gifts and receive our lives, that we may become people whose generosity flows not from obligation but from love. Use our offerings to feed, welcome, comfort, and restore, so that others may glimpse your kingdom through our care. And when we serve our neighbors, awaken us to the holy mystery that we are serving you. Shape us into disciples whose greatest joy is to love as Christ first loved us. Amen.

Invitation to give Our Tithes and Offering (and Doxology)

Benediction (*Stay Afterwards for coffee hour)*