

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday March 13, 2022 – 11:00am



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Jesus Lover of My Soul'
[arr. Gordon Young]

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS #2236

*Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27 (Hymnal)

Choir: **(Response)** *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes shall stumble and fall.

People: **Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Pastor: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

Choir: **(Response)**

Pastor: The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, will conceal me under the cover of his tent, and will set me high upon a rock.

People: **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord**

Choir: **(Response)**

Pastor: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: **"Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face." Your face, O Lord, I seek.**

Pastor: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, for you have been my help.

People: **Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother should forsake me, the Lord would take me up.**

Choir: **(Response)**

Pastor: Teach me your way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

People: **Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**

Pastor: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

People: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord!**

Choir: **(Response)**

HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS #2214

***Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me***

SCRIPTURE

Selections from Exodus

ANTHEM

My Hope Is Built
[Tome Trenney]

Chancel Choir
Monica Adams, Piano

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Cordes

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever...Amen.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Interlude I
[Henry Smart]

SUNG RESPONSE

Bless Thou the Gifts

UMH #587

*Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.*

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If You Will Only Let God Guide You
[arr. Anna Laura Page]

ALTAR

The altar arrangement during Lent is to help you visualize a desert.



UMCOR PROVIDES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Central members and friends who would like to help provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to the United Methodist Committee on Relief International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund.

This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to the Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check to Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, mailed to Central United Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95204.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Mark Cordes, Senior Pastor
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
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