

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday March 6, 2022 – 11:00am



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on Evan
[Gordon Young]

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Lean On, O Cloud of Presence

TFWS #2234

***Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.***

***Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we still God's people. The journey is our home.***

***Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Selections from Exodus

HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS #2238

***In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?***

Refrain:

***God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people,
ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.***

***Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? R***

***As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams. R***

***We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. R***

***Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. R***

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-2

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
[arr. Douglas E. Wagner (ASCAP)]

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

Vorspiel
[Johann Georg Herzog]

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

COMMUNION

UMH 13-14

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and a good and joyful thing...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body
In Remembrance of Me
As We Gather at Your Table

UMH #620

TFWS #2254

TFWS #2268

COMMUNION REFLECTION

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

A Place at the Table

W&S #3149

*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star over head.*

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice, and joy.*

*For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. R*

*For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. R*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. R*

*For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. R*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chromatic Fugue

[Pachelbel, arr. S. Drummond Wolff]



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 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
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