

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday May 22, 2022 – 11:00am



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Deep River
(arr. Mary McDonald)

Monica Adams, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING 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***

BAPTISM

Pastor: Brothers and sister in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. I present Steven Adams for baptism.

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent your sin?

Steven: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Steven: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Steven: I do.

Pastor: Will you nurture this person in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

People: We will.

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Steven now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Steven with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God: When nothing existed but Chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations. Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and Steven who receives it, to wash away his sin, clothe him in righteousness throughout his life.

People: All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Pastor: Steven Adams, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

People: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Today we would like to invite everyone to write their name, mailing address, email address, and phone number on the form in the red book located in the pew rack. Your name "introduces" you to others seated near you. Please read the names of those near you and greet them at the end of the service. The red book should be passed back to the center aisle. seat.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:5-7

And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

HYMN

Down to the River to Pray

W&S #3164

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.*

*O *sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Come on, *sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

**2. brother*

3. father

4. mothers

5. sinner

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son;^[a] with thee I am well pleased."

ANTHEM

Seasons of Love
(Jonathan Larson)

Chancel Choir
Zach & Jennifer Alcover, Soloists

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

The Water is Wide
(Howard Helvey)

Monica Adams, Organ

SUNG RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

BLESSING

COMMUNION

Communion Setting

TFWS 2257-a – 2257-d

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

In Loving Partnership
(words and music on last page)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Hymn to Joy
(arr. Michael Burkhardt)

Monica Adams, Organ

STEVEN ADAMS



Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Born and raised in Sacramento, son of Gary and Darlene, brother to Susanne and Cindy, father to Alec, Samuel and Ayanna and husband to Monica. Retired Firefighter of 32 years and love of all things outdoors; most often with a fly rod or golf bag in tow.

Galatians 5:22-23

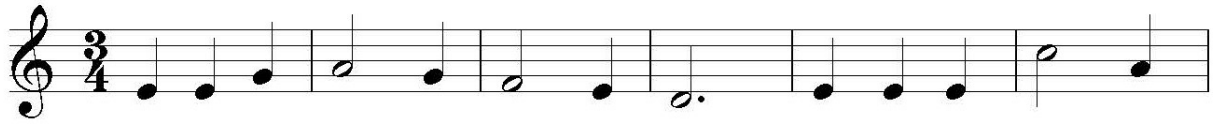
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Mark Cordes, Senior Pastor
Ric Campero, Choir Director
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
David Campero, Media
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
Rupert Cooper, Audio
Alan Cook, Interim Director of Age Level Ministries

In Loving Partnership

Jim Strathee



In lov - ing part - ner - ship we come Seek - ing O God, your
 We are the hands and feet of Christ Serv - ing, by grace, each
 Lov - ing com - mun - i - ty we seek; Your hope and strenghtweith -
 In lov - ing part - ner - ship, O God Help us your fu - ture

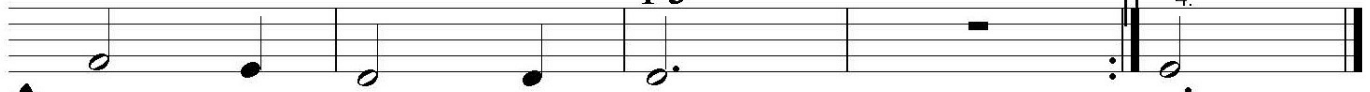
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will to do. Our prayes and act - ions now re - ceive, We free - ly
 oth - er's need. We dare to risk and sac - ri - fice With truth - ful
 in us move. The poor and rich, the strong and weak Are brought to -
 14 to pro - claim. Jus - tice and peace be our de - sire We hum - bly

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of - fer them to you.
 work and faith - ful deed.
 geth - er in in your love.
 pray in Je - sus' _____

name.