

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday May 29, 2022 – 11:00am



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Abide with Me
(By William H. Monk)

Monica Adams, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Draw the Circle Wide

W&S #3154

1st time solo, second time all:

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

Refrain

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (sing twice)*

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

Refrain (2 X)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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**

Matthew 11:16-19

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

HYMN

In Loving Partnership
(By Jim Strathdee)

***In loving partnership we come, seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive; we freely offer them to you.***

***We are the hands and feet of Christ, serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice with truthful word and faithful deed.***

***Loving community we seek; your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak are brought together in your love.***

***In loving partnership, O God, help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire, we humbly pray in Jesus' name.***

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[c] the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was

going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ANTHEM *Graves Into Gardens* Chancel Choir
(Arr. by Jay Rouse)

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 *God, Our Nation Feels the Loss* Chancel Choir
(By Carolyn Gillette)

*God, our nation feels the loss as our children pay the cost
for the violence we accept, for the silence we have kept.
Rachel weeps for children gone; God of love, this can't go on.*

*Jesus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn little ones away!"
May we build a kinder land where our children understand:
Every child here matters more than the guns we clamor for.*

*Holy Spirit, wind and flame, send us out in Jesus' name.
May we shout and say, "Enough!" May we build a world of love -
till the sounds of weapons cease, till our young can grow in peace.*

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

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

W&S #3104

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I
once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

Refrain:

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. **Refrain 2x***

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D Major
(By J.K. F. Fischer)

Monica Adams, Organ

FLOWER

The flowers on the altar are given by Margaret Miller in memory of her and Leland's 70th wedding anniversary and Leland's 95th birthday.

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

God, Our Nation Feels the Loss

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Pilot

John E. Gould, 1871

1. God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil - dren pay the
2. Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a -
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus'

cost for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the
- way!" May we build a kind - er land where our
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gone; God of love, this can't go on!
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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano voice part, with piano accompaniment in the bass and right-hand treble staves. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in both the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a different vocal line. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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