

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday June 19, 2022 – 10:00am



**PRELUDE**

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him*  
(Lani Smith)

Monica Adams, Piano

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come together to read the old stories.

**People: We are looking for God's word to all people, long ago and today.**

One: Some of the stories we remember from Sunday School.

**People: The Lord said to Noah, There's gonna be a floody floody!**

One: Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Jonah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

**People: Get those children out of the muddy muddy!**

One: Children of the Lord, let us worship God together.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is My Father's World*

Red Hymnal #144

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Together let us confess:

All: **Holy one, you made the Earth and all that is in it. We give thanks for the sky and the seas, the mountains and the valleys, the trees and the flowers, the birds that fly and the fish that swim and all the animals that walk or crawl or creep on the land. You called on human beings to care for Creation, to serve you and praise you by loving all you have made. We don't always do it well. We remember the story of Noah, and a time when people forgot to take care of the Earth and each other. We ask forgiveness for the ways we fail to love your world with our whole hearts. Help us to do better, one step at a time, just the way Noah built the ark one cubit at a time.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord said to Noah, "But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you." God made a covenant with us. No one will ever be left behind again. Come into the ark of forgiveness, beloved Children of God!

## 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.

## PASSING THE PEACE

In the Ark of this church, we are one family of faith. Sometimes it feels like close quarters! That's all the more reason to greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Saying the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

~Left behind, from Peter Spier's "Noah's Ark"

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Redeemer*  
(Nicole Mullen)

Filo Ebid, Tenor

## PRAYER

### THE 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.**

## HYMN

*God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*  
Verses 1, 3, 6

Red Hymnal #122

***God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise***

*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 6:5-9:17  
The Ark and the Flood  
Godly Play

Note: During the telling of the Ark and the Flood the congregation will be invited to sing verses of *All Creatures of Our God and King* (#62 Red Hymnal) and *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (#147 Red Hymnal).

**MESSAGE**

Alan Cook

**INVITATION/OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*How Great Thou Art*

Monica Adams, Organ  
Filo Ebid, Tenor

**RESPONSE**

*Doxology*

UMH 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**BLESSING OF THE GIFTS**

**HYMN**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Red Hymnal #600

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.*

**Refrain:**

*Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

*Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. (Refrain)*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Just as I am* (in the style of Rachmaninoff)  
(Lani Smith)

Monica Adams, Organ

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Alan Cook, Interim Director of Age Level Ministries

Ric Campero, Choir Director

Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist

David Campero, Media

Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator

Rupert Cooper, Audio