

# Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday July 3, 2022 – 10:00am**



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*One Bread, One Body*  
(arr. Mark Hayes)

Monica Adams, Piano

### GATHERING MOMENT

John Bradbury

### CALL TO WORSHIP

John Bradbury

Leader: Lord, we celebrate our political independence today as a nation.

**People: However, we are still not free from shame and guilt.**

Leader: Lord, we are proud that we are financially independent.

**People: However, we still have worries and anxieties for our future.**

Leader: Lord, we are proud of our righteousness and morality.

**People: However, our self-righteousness makes us judgmental.**

Leader: Lord, free us from all these bondages.

**People: Help us to be independent from all these shackles.**

**ALL: We praise God who sent his only begotten son to free us. We believe in Jesus who died for us. We follow the Holy Spirit who guides us to perfection. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

UMH #66

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.*

*Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;  
mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

*Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Martha Shuemake

**PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED** (10:00am)

**MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT**

John Bradbury

**RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

John Bradbury

Today we would like to invite everyone to write their name, email address, and cell 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** (Please remain seated and greet those around you.)

John Bradbury

**All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (2x).**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Kings 5:1-14

John Bradbury

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he

said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**HYMN**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

UMH #301

*Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.*

**Refrain:**

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)*

*Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)*

*Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain)*

**SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 6:7-16

John Bradbury

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Pastor Sungho Lee

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to

you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**ANTHEM** *How Can I Keep From Singing* Rebecca Nelson, Piano  
(arr. David Schwoebel) Mike Hernandez, Clarinet  
Members of the Chancel Choir & Stockton Singers

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF THE REV. DR. SUNGHO LEE** Julius Hastings  
Chair of Staff Parish Relations

**SERMON** "Your Names Are Written In Heaven" Pastor Sungho Lee

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** John Bradbury

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor Sungho Lee

**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

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS** John Bradbury

**OFFERTORY** *O Mary, Don't You Weep* Rebecca Nelson, Piano  
(Tell Martha Not to Mourn)  
African Spiritual  
(arr. Rollo Dilworth)  
Members of the Chancel Choir & Stockton Singers

**DOXOLOGY** *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!***

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** John Bradbury

## COMMUNION

### UMH #13-14

Pastor Sungho Lee

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

Pastor Sungho Lee

## SENDING FORTH

### CLOSING HYMN

*Marching to Zion*

UMH #733

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.  
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.*

### **Refrain:**

*We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,  
before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)*

*Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry.  
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Sungho Lee

**POSTLUDE**

*A Festive Rondeau*  
(David Lasky)

Monica Adams, Organ

**FLOWER**

**The altar flowers are given by Glenda Schubert in memory of Larry on what would have been their 60th wedding anniversary on July 1.**

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We are grateful to the members of our Chancel Choir and the Stockton Singers for helping us celebrate Pastor Lee's first Sunday at Central. The Stockton Singers are part of the Stockton Chorale family. This non-audition group is best known for their community service concerts serving Stockton and surrounding communities.

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Rev. Sungho Lee  
Ric Campero, Choir Director  
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist  
David Campero, Media  
John Bradbury, Worship Leader  
Martha Shuemake, Children's Moment  
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator  
Rupert Cooper, Audio  
Rebecca Nelson, Piano  
Mike Hernandez, Clarinet  
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