

Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 16, 2022



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken
[Robert Buckley Farlee]

Monica Adams

GATHERING MOMENT

Alexis Easton (8:30am)
Nedy Tovera (11:00am)

MINISTRY MOMENT

Worship Leaders
Gardening

Alexis Easton (8:30am)
Carol Willson and Signe Holly (11:00am)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alexis Easton (8:30am)
Nedy Tovera (11:00am)

Leader: Since the beginning, God has been relentlessly pursuing us in love.

All: **Though our faithfulness ebbs and flows, God's love endures forever.**

Leader: Taking on flesh like ours, God became one with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

All: **God lived and moved and ministered in the margins of power.**

Leader: God incarnate was not what we expected. We did not recognize God in Jesus. Still, we struggle to recognize God with us.

All: **And yet, God continues to dwell in our midst. Thanks be to God.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

Family Promise

Connie Edgecomb

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

UMH #384

MINISTRY MOMENT

Prayer Chain
Godly Play

Helen Click (8:30), Martha Tipton (11:00)
Andrea Moccia (11:00am)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00am)

Mary Juarez Dalton

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED (11:00am)

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT Alexis Easton (8:30am)
Nedy Tovera (11:00am)

MINISTRY MOMENT Lay Leaders of the Past
Angel Tree John Bradbury (11:00am)
submitted by Dianne England

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS Nedy Tovera (11:00am)

***PASSING THE PEACE** Alexis Easton (8:30am)
(Stand, bow or wave, with the word "Peace be with You!")
Nedy Tovera (11:00am)
All Sing: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (2x).*

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* Chancel Choir
[arr Dan Forest]

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MINISTRY MOMENT Sunday Afternoon Book Group
Choir Roberta Barajas (8:30am)
Jennifer Alcover (11:00am)

***HYMN** *Here I Am, Lord* UMH #593

MINISTRY MOMENT Stewardship Pledge Cards Judy Avila (11:00am)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSV Pew Bible page 30) Mary Juarez Dalton
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Wrestling with God" Mary Juarez Dalton

QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME (8:30am)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alexis Easton (8:30am)
Nedy Tovera (11:00am)

After a concern, the worship leader will say "Let us pray to the Lord," the congregation will reply,
"Lord, hear our prayer!"

After a joy the worship leader will say "Let us pray to the Lord," the congregation will reply will
"Lord, we give thanks!"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Sungho Lee

Our Father, who art 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

MINISTRY MOMENT Prayer Shawl Ministry Linda Newall

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Alexis Easton (8:30am)
Nedy Tovera (11:00am)

OFFERTORY	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i> [Howard Helvey]	Monica Adams
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Alexis Easton (8:30am) Nedy Tovera (11:00am)
<u>SENDING FORTH</u>		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>We Are the Church</i>	UMH #558
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Sungho Lee
*POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata on St. Anne</i> [Gordon Young]	Monica Adams

The flowers on the altar are presented by Van-Ha To-Cowell in celebration of my son Andrew Cowell's 31st birthday.

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Sungho Lee
Mary Juarez Dalton, Guest Speaker
Alexis Easton, Worship Leader, 8:30am
Nedy Tovera, Worship Leader, 11:00am
Michael Hernandez, Guest Music Director
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
David Campero, Media
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
Rupert Cooper, Audio

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

*May God's grace be upon this shawl, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.
May this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in
good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy,
graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Amen*

CENTRAL UMC ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE, Sunday, October 23

All members, constituents, and friends of Central are welcome to attend our Annual All Church Conference at noon. We will enjoy a light lunch after the 11.00am worship service and convene for our Church Conference at 12.30pm. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. David Niu, will be presiding as we celebrate our ministry together this year and look forward to 2023 and beyond. This is an important meeting. The All Church Conference has been well attended when they were held in person. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

SOUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ten people are needed to provide soup in a crockpot for the All Church Conference lunch prior to the meeting. If you can help sign up at the Opportunities to Serve table.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in being a member of this wonderful church, sign up at the Information Table or email Pastor Lee (slee@cumcstockton.org). The membership class will meet with Pastor Lee four times during the month of October. Together you will learn about our church's history, its mission, and ministry. After the four classes, you will decide whether you want to join our church. Time and place of the meetings will depend on who signs up for the class.