

# Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

## ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, February 19, 2023



### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*Herr Jesu Christ, Var. 3 & 5*  
[Boehm]

Monica Adams

#### GATHERING MOMENT

Chris Chan (8:30am), Dianne England (11:00am)

#### INTROIT

*We Have Come to Worship the Lord*  
[by Charles Yannerella]

Chancel Choir

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Chan (8:30am), Dianne England (11:00am)

(based on a prayer by Schuyler Rhodes)

Leader: As a community of God, we gather to claim the power of God's love in our lives.

People: **We come to witness to the healing reality of that love as we stand together in worship and praise.**

Leader: For we know that without love, we wander and fall.

People: **Without love, the vision fails.**

Leader: Without love, we will not see who is absent from our tables.

People: **Without love, we will accept the incomplete as whole, and the broken as complete.**

All: **But with God's love we will see with new eyes, we will seek with new zeal, we will find with fresh rejoicing. Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*O Living God*

W&S #3089

[WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: arr. Ken Bible TUNE: SHENANDOAH]

***O Living God, I long to see You Lifted up in all Your glory;  
To see You there in holy beauty. O Lord, Almighty God, Living Christ, I love You.***

***O Living God, I long to praise You Heart and voice, with all creation;  
To worship You for tender mercy. O Lord, Almighty God, Living Christ, I love You.***

***O Living God, I soon will see You Face to face, in all Your glory.  
I'll worship You in endless wonder. O Lord, Almighty God, Living Christ, I love You.***

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00am)**

**PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED**

**MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT**

Chris Chan (8:30am), Dianne England (11:00am)

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

Dianne England (11:00am)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Chris Chan (8:30am), Dianne England (11:00am)

(Stand, bow or wave, with the word "Peace be with You!")

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

**ANTHEM**

*Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit*  
[arr. William Dawson]

Chancel Choir  
Raphael Pazo, Baritone

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 14:12-14 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 77)

Chris Chan (8:30am)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Dianne England (11:00am)

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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**SCRIPTURE**

James 2:14-17 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 230)

Chris Chan (8:30am)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Dianne England (11:00am)

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Who Has a Seat at the Table"

Rev. Mary Maaga

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Chris Chan (8:30am), Dianne England (11:00am)

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

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Mary Maaga

**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**

**WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Chris Chan (8:30am), Dianne England (11:00am)

**OFFERTORY**

*Magnificat Quinti Toni in F, Var 4*  
[Pachelbel]

Monica Adams

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Mary Maaga

## SENDING FORTH

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH #103

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Mary Maaga

### \*POSTLUDE

*Kleine Praelude #1*  
[Hermann Schroeder, Wek 9]

Monica Adams

### FLOWERS

*The flowers on the altar are given by Pastor Sungho Lee in memory for the late Rev Hyungsoon Hong, his father-in-law who passed away in February.*

\* Indicates please stand as you are able.

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## SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga, Guest Minister  
Chris Chan (8:30am), Worship Leader  
Dianne England (11:00am), Worship Leader  
Ric Campero, Choir Director  
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist  
David Campero, Livestream  
Mark Wharff, Media  
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator  
Rupert Cooper, Audio

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### **REV. DR. MARY M. MAAGA, PhD**

Rev. Dr. Mary M. Maaga, PhD, currently serves in Galt where exciting things are happening thanks to the mission and ministry of the people of Galt United Methodist Church! Pastor Mary has a PhD with distinction from Drew University in Religion and Society. She trained as an anthropologist in West Africa and has an expertise in new religious movements. Dr. Maaga is excited to share with Central UMC the affordable housing project and food ministry mission that God is making happen in Galt.

### **THE SUNSHINE FOOD PANTRY**

The Special Offering on February 19, 2023, is designated to the building fund for the new Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center, Inc., in Galt, CA. The Sunshine Food Pantry currently operates out of the social hall of the Galt United Methodist Church, but the need to help the members of our community continues to grow: We currently provide food for over 2,000 people per month.

### **2023 LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE**

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday). In Christian tradition, people abstain from entertainment, sensual pleasures and worldly desires during Lent. Many Christians use this time to prepare their body, mind, and spirit to be baptized on Easter.

We want to spend this Lenten journey with **Paul's Letter to Romans** (16 chapters) and **Gospel according to Luke** (24 chapters). We will read a total of 40 chapters, one each day during Lent. You will also be given 3 questions each day to meditate on. You are invited to write your thoughts on the given chapter.

We will meet both in person and online.

If you would like to participate, please email Pastor Lee at [slee@cumcstockton.org](mailto:slee@cumcstockton.org) or sign-up after church at the sign-up table.

### **ADULT EDUCATION NEWS - WHAT ABOUT LENT? SUNDAY, FEB 19, 9:30AM – KNOLES 6**

ONE CLASS — the Sunday Before Ash Wednesday **The foundational question for us: How can Lent be a meaningful season for me this year?** We will start with 10-15 minutes of Christian history. Then **we'll share what Lent has meant to us... and hasn't...** as children and since. Our memories will reflect the diversity of our roots — whether we grew up Catholic, Protestant (diversity among Protestants too), or without any church connections (still, we may remember wondering about “those Catholics” keeping Lent). Bring your stories and that of others. **Most of our time will be sharing, listening, and discerning together:** How might what I choose to do this Lent connect me to the Christian story and Jesus, deepen my sense of Presence, and prepare me for Easter? Join us in this informal gathering before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

### **ROTARY READ-IN**

**February 23, 2023!** This year Central has been asked to provide readers to the kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms at Cleveland and Madison schools. Each reader is asked to read one or two books to one or two classrooms. The books are then donated to the classrooms for the students to enjoy. It is a wonderful program and lots of fun too. Please consider joining us...the more the merrier! Sign-Up sheets are available at the Opportunities Table after church.

### **THE RUMMAGE SALE RETURNS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Friday, March 3, from 8am-4pm, and Saturday, March 4 from 8am-2pm, are the dates and times for our All-Church Rummage Sale hosted by the United Methodist Women. Donate kitchen items, furniture, lamps, nearly new and vintage items, plants, clothing, books, jewelry, toys, games, puzzles, and seasonal items.

**Donations will be accepted Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2.**

**Times to drop off: Monday, February 27, 12pm-4pm, Tuesday through Thursday, February 28 – March 2, 12pm-4pm.** Drop offs are at the Fellowship Hall Doors. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE THE MENTIONED DATES AND TIMES.

**HELP US SUCCEED!!** We need baked goods to offer our visitors, plus some chili. Cookies, muffins, quick breads (banana, apple, etc.) and pie! Can you help? Call Glenda, 209-479-6184 or email her [glenda.g.schubert@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.g.schubert@gmail.com). Volunteers to serve are also needed.



February 22, 2023

*Ash Wednesday*

6:30am–8:00am	6:30pm
Drive Thru Ashes	Worship Service
Parking Lot	Sanctuary