

Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Grace
[Thomas Keesecker]

Monica Adams

GATHERING MOMENT

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (11:00am)

INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord
[by John Horman]

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (11:00am)

Leader: We come to drink living water.

All: Everybody needs living water.

Leader: God will give us living water now.

All: We have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do we get that living water?

Leader: The water that God gives will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

All: Give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty.

*OPENING HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

UMH #584

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00am)

Alan Cook

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (11:00am)

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

June Sullivan (11:00am)

*PASSING THE PEACE

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (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

Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)
[by Aleacnder Gondo arr.Kevin Holland]

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42 (Pew Bible NRSV, pages 94-95)

Alexis Easton (8:30am)

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

June Sullivan (11:00am)

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

TFWS #2171

SERMON

"Seeing the Whole Person"

Rev. Vathanak Heang

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (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. Vathanak Heang

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

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (11:00am)

OFFERTORY

Trio
[J. Rheinberger]

Monica Adams

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alexis Easton (8:30am), June Sullivan (11:00am)

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH #431

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Vathanak Heang

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata in E minor
[J. Pachelbel]

Monica Adams

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given by Suzi Teganza in honor of her daughter, Elizabeth, who is now a cancer survivor and not a cancer patient!

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Vathanak Heang, Guest Minister
Alexis Easton (8:30am), Worship Leader
June Sullivan (11:00am), Worship Leader
Alan Cook, Children's Moment
Ric Campero, Choir Director
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
David Campero, Livestream
Mark Wharff, Media
Rupert Cooper, Audio

With the help of Mike Hernandez, Martin Luther School generously loaned today's mallet percussion instruments for our anthem this morning.



ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY

The Board of Trustees is having another All-Church Work Day on **April 1 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. We will be working on the inside and outside! If you have gardening supplies, please bring them. We will be cleaning windows, cobwebs, ledges, etc. It will be an exciting day at the Church! You don't want to miss it! We hope to see you there!

UMW/UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Brown Bag Lunch ~ Fellowship ~ General Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 ~ 11:30
Fireside Room, Central UMC

Connie will report on the Rummage Sale. We'll talk about our name change. We'll decide on the future of our group. **It's our first lunch gathering since Covid hit. All are welcome.**

Let's get together, yay, yay, yay...!
Martha Tipton, Acting President

CARE NETWORK DIRECTORY

As many of you know, our church does not have a printed church directory. However, we want to care for our church members. We want to call when people are sick. We want to be connected to each other. So, for those who want to be in this care network, please sign your name and we will publish a care network directory and revise it every year. We will have a sign-up sheet for the month of March and publish a yearly directory.

FAMILY PROMISE GIVING CLUB

The Family Promise Giving Club will start the month of March and will go until December. Participants pledge to give a certain amount every month for the next 10 months.

\$1 per month Club
\$20 per month Club

\$5 per month Club
\$30 per month Club

\$10 per month Club
\$? per month Club (you pick the amount!)

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE! ADULTS, YOUTH, CHILDREN!

If you would like to be a part of the Family Promise Giving Club, please sign-up on Sunday before or after Church.

SHARE THE BREAD AND CUP! **AN INVITATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!**

Central is in need of an alternate Communion steward (or two). This person would take on Communion duties when the steward is out sick or otherwise unable to meet his/her ministerial commitment. The job involves purchasing bread and juice, preparing them for individual consumption, setting them out for both services, and cleaning up afterward. Rest assured; detailed instructions are available! Even if you are willing to do the job for ONE service, please contact Chris Chan at (209) 462-9663 (landline – no texts!) or at cc.luz4light@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request!

2023 LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE **THE CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN! BUT YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!**

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 or sign-up after church at the sign-up table.

THIS WEEK--SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

Last week we began discussion of Brian McClaren's *Do I Stay Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned*. We reviewed McClaren's laundry list of things Christians can't be proud of: anti-semitism that killed hundreds of thousands--or if we include the "Christian" Nazis, millions over 2000 years; the high death toll Christians inflicted on *other* Christians, Muslims and others during the Crusades and Inquisition; Christian leaders' historic alliance with power and money brokers in their exploitation of indigenous peoples; indifference or active participation in exploiting people of color and non-Western cultures; and for many, insisting on a stuck theology based on ancient thinking and actively ignoring the implications of the sciences, both physical and social. Then there's that thing about white male patriarchy. 'Nuff said.

Fortunately, after McClaren completes his "why people leave" list, he moves on to, "why many who are troubled by Christianity's downside choose to remain Christian. *That's* our conversation this week. Join us for our lively discussion in Room 6 this Sunday, March 12, at 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP DATE CHANGE!

The Book Group is reading 'Solito' by Javier Zamora. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall **ON APRIL 2** at 12:30pm.

A young poet tells the inspiring story of his migration from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine in this gripping memoir of bravery, hope and finding family.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY **Schedule**

MAUNDY THURSDAY • Thursday, April 6 • 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY • Friday, April 7 • 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY • SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Sunrise Service • Central Park

8:30am Easter Worship Service • Sanctuary

11:00am Easter Worship Service • Sanctuary