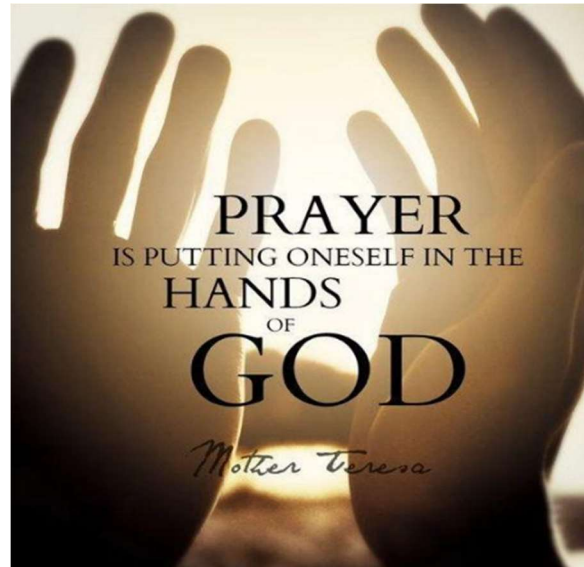


# Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2023



## GATHERING

<b>PRELUDE</b>		Monica Adams
<b>GATHERING MOMENT</b>		Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)
<b>INTROIT</b>	<i>From The Rising of the Sun</i> [by Eric Thiman]	Chancel Choir
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)
	<b>Leader:</b> God, make us one in your love!	
	<b>All:</b> <b>Glorify Jesus through our unity!</b>	
	<b>Leader:</b> Help us to grow in your Spirit.	
	<b>All:</b> <b>We will endure all the sufferings that we have to face to do your work.</b>	
	<b>Leader:</b> Send us your Spirit, the Holy Spirit.	
	<b>All:</b> <b>We can joyfully accept our challenges and finish our race in faith. Amen.</b>	
<b>*OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather</i>	UMH #552
<b>CHILDREN'S MOMENT</b>		Rev. Sungho Lee
<b>PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED</b>		
<b>MISSION &amp; MINISTRIES MOMENT</b>		Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)
<b>RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS</b>		Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE** Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)  
(Stand, bow or wave, with the word "Peace be with You!")  
**All Sing: *And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.***

**ANTHEM** *How Firm A Foundation* Chancel Choir  
[arr. Dale Wood]

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 234) Susan Perez (8:30am)  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN** *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH #62

**SCRIPTURE** John 17:1-11 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 111) Susan Perez (8:30am)  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Holy Father, Protect Them In Your Name!" Rev. Sungho Lee

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (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. 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**

**WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS** Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)

**OFFERTORY** Monica Adams

**\*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 up lifts!***  
***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!***  
***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Susan Perez (8:30am), Mary Juarez Dalton (11:00am)

## SENDING FORTH

**\*RESPONSE**

*Shalom to You*

UMH #666

***Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sungho Lee

**\*POSTLUDE**

Monica Adams

### **FLOWERS**

**The flowers on the altar are given by Alexis Easton in memory of her Mom and Dad and her Nephew Tom.**

\* Indicates please stand as you are able.

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### SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Dr. Sungho Lee  
Susan Perez, 8:30am Worship Leader  
Mary Juarez Dalton, 11:00am Worship Leader  
Rev. Sungho Lee, Children's Moment  
Ric Campero, Choir Director  
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist  
David Campero, Livestream  
Mark Wharff & Steven Adams, Media  
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator  
Rupert Cooper, Audio

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### **SERMON IN A NUTSHELL: "HOLY FATHER, PROTECT THEM IN YOUR NAME!"**

#### **We are not left alone!**

As resurrection people, we have the assurance of abundant life through Christ. But let us not forget that we will face attacks from both inside and outside, from thieves and immaturity. We must quarantine the thieves by listening to God's voice and rejecting temptations. As for immaturity, we need to grow and practice our faith through the means of grace provided by God: worship, prayer, meditation on God's word, serving God's people, and fellowship with other believers.

#### **God would answer the prayer that Jesus said by sending the Holy Spirit to us.**

In John 17, Jesus prayed for us, asking the Holy Father to protect us in His name so that we may be one, just as He and the Father are one. Jesus promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit, who would empower us to be witnesses for Him. We are now tasked with continuing the mission and ministry of making disciples of Jesus here on earth, while waiting for His return.

#### **We need to continue the mission and ministry, waiting for the Holy Spirit.**

However, we must be aware that our mission and ministry will not be without hardships and sufferings. We should not be surprised when we face fiery ordeals, for it is through these trials that our faith is tested and

refined. We must discipline ourselves, keep alert, and resist the devil, knowing that our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world are undergoing similar sufferings.

**With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will overcome hardships and sufferings.**

One of the misunderstandings that many Christians have is that people of God would not experience hardships and sufferings because God protects us.

That is far from the truth. We will have hardships and sufferings. When we want to be a good musician or a good sport player, we will devote time of practice which involves pain and suffering. In every area of professional service career, we need to go through preparation time and practices. Think about medical studies, law studies, or any other professional careers. No pain, no gain. Why do we expect otherwise in spiritual growth?

**Spiritual Growth Principles.**

1. Body, Mind, and Spirit are working under parallel principles. They all need discipline and nurturing for growth.
2. No growth is attained without painful process. No baby is nurtured without the sacrifice and love of mothers.
3. The Holy Spirit does not guarantee painless growth, but enough power to endure pain.
4. Expect sufferings when we work for the Lord to produce disciples of Jesus.

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxieties on Him. And let us remember that after we have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us. We have the assurance of victory in the end, not during our trials. So, let us press on, relying on the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us in this journey of faith. To Him be the power and glory forever. Amen.



**WE'RE HIRING!**

Central Methodist is looking for a Part-Time Family & Youth Ministries Coordinator – 25 hours/week, including 4 hours every Sunday. This position will play a pivotal role in maintaining a comprehensive plan for children and youth (Pre-K through High School). The Coordinator will help create, design, implement, and oversee children-centered events.

The primary responsibilities for this position are:

- Oversight of programs for children, Pre-K through High School;
- Recruiting volunteers to help with children's programming; and
- Focus on creative ways to grow our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries.
- The successful candidate will work with the Church's Education Committee.

Pay: \$22 per hour.

Hours: 25 hours per week which includes 4 hours every Sunday.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please have them contact Suzi Treganza, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, via email at [suzitreganza@yahoo.com](mailto:suzitreganza@yahoo.com).

Please note: This is NOT a remote position. On campus office hours are required.

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### **ADULT CLASS UPDATE**

The Sunday Morning Adult Class returns this Sunday, May 21, with the final installment of our Adam Hamilton series on Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say. This week Alexis Easton will help us explore, "Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner. We hope to see you on May 14 at 9:45 am in Knoles Room 6.

(Note: There will be no class on Memorial Day Weekend - Sunday, May 28).

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### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Pastor Lee is starting a new members class in June. If you want to become a member of Central UMC, please email Pastor Lee at [slee@cumcstockton.org](mailto:slee@cumcstockton.org). The class will meet 4 times according to the schedule of the participants.

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### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS**

First Wednesday of June, July, and August at 6 PM via zoom. You only need to attend one class. If you are a committee chair, you are required to attend this one-hour training.

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### **RECYCLING**

Thanks for helping.... \$120 earned since the end of March. Do your part.... Sunday 28, bring your recycling to church. Empty cans, bottles & plastic (Only CRV). Collect from friends and neighbors. Lots of graduations and spring celebrations will provide recycling opportunities. Proceeds help trustees fund the office painting project.

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### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

The Sunday Afternoon Book Group's next read is called *Tastes Like War* by Grace Cho, joining the Big Library Read which connects readers around the world with the same book at the same time. Grace Cho grew up as the daughter of a white American merchant marine and the Korean bar hostess he met abroad. They were one of few immigrants in a xenophobic small town during the cold war, where identity was politicized by everyday details. The story is about a daughter's search, through intimate and global history, for the roots of her mother's schizophrenia. Grace learns to cook dishes from her mother's childhood in order to invite the past into the present. In this way Grace discovers not only the things which broke her brilliant mother, but also the things that kept her alive.

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### **A NOTE REGARDING STAFF TIME ON SUNDAYS**

Although many staff members work on Sunday during worship services, this does not mean they are available for anything outside of their Sunday duties. For instance, David is paid to provide online live streaming service on Sunday. He is not there to be advised of issues around the campus that may need attention. If you find issues that need to be addressed, please send an email to the appropriate staff

member or committee head so it can be handled during their weekly work schedule. If it is an emergency, contact any staff member available.

Here are the emails for staff members and the committee chairs:

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