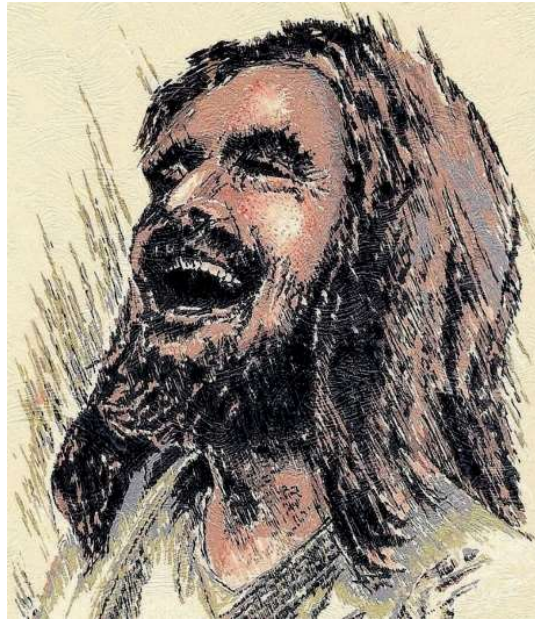


Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, June 18, 2023



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Monica Adams

GATHERING MOMENT

Alexis Easton (8:30am), Julie Campero (11:00am)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alexis Easton (8:30am), Julie Campero (11:00am)

L: Joy is loose,

P: In the wiggles of the children,

L: Joy is loose,

P: In the whispers of the youth,

L: Joy is loose,

P: In the smiles of the adults.

L: We praise God for this glorious day,

P: Let the praise break forth

L: in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

P: Joy and praise fills our hearts,

L: In our songs let the laughter be deep,

P: For we are God's people.

***OPENING HYMN**

Give to us Laughter

(see insert for words)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mary Juarez Dalton

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT

Alexis Easton (8:30am), Julie Campero (11:00am)

Great Creator, Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gifts of laughter and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Julie Campero (11:00am)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Alexis Easton (8:30am), Julie Campero (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.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15 & 21:1-7 (Pew Bible NRSV, pages 14 & 16) Alexis Easton (8:30am)

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

Julie Campero (11:00am)

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

A Child Was Born and Sarah Laughed

(see insert for words)

SERMON

"God Laughed with Sarah. And So Should We."

Joe Krider

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alexis Easton (8:30am), Julie Campero (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!"

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Joe Krider

Matthew 6:9-13 ~ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Alexis Easton (8:30am), Julie Campero (11:00am)

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
[arr. Jack Schrader]

Monica Adams
Ric Campero, Tenor

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow
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!

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SENDING FORTH

***RESPONSE**

Weave

Weave, weave, weave us together, weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together, weave us together, together in love.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as Creator Family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

***BENEDICTION**

Joe Krider

***POSTLUDE**

Monica Adams

The altar flowers are presented by Carol Willson in honor of family birthdays for Randy, Sarah and Kenny.

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Joe Krider, Guest Speaker

Alexis Easton, 8:30am Worship Leader

Julie Campero, 11:00am Worship Leader

Mary Juarez Dalton, 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

CONNECTIONS



SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Time: June 28, 2023 6:00 PM

Place: Zoom

All the committee chairs are invited to attend. Zoom link will be sent to the members.

Agenda: Pastor Viseth Hou compensation adjustment by the DS Niu.

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY UMC MEN'S GROUP

Brentwood Community UMC men's group will come this coming Saturday, June 24, at 8:30am to serve breakfast to anybody who comes.

Five men will come into our church kitchen and serve breakfast in the Central Cafe. All are welcome. They want to help us start a **men's group** here at Central.

CENTRAL UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH/UMW

Our June general meeting is this Tuesday, **June 20** ~ 11:30am ~ Fireside Rm, Knoles Bldg, CUMC. Brown Bag lunch. Dessert & beverages provided. We'll make our final decision on donation recipients and enjoy fellowship.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Lee started a new members class in June. If you want to become a member of Central UMC, please email Pastor Lee at slee@cumcstockton.org. The class will meet 4 times according to the schedule of the participants.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Lee's Summer Bible Study Small Group during June, July, and August on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00am worship service (except for the Sundays when Book Club meets, and Annual Conference happens). The study is open to everyone. Come to the Fellowship Hall and learn about the leadership of Samuel, King Saul, and King David in the Bible.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The book club summer read is *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. Discussion will be

at dinner Friday, July 21, at 6pm at the home of Elizabeth Van Eerde. Questions or to RSVP email Elizabeth by July 14 at emve@comcast.net.

THE ADULT EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee looks forward to leading both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on June 25th. We will be sharing some of our personal experiences and thoughts on how we can each act beyond our thoughts and prayers over gun violence in our country. Whatever your views on solutions, we can agree that the current environment makes us all afraid and we need to take steps to reduce the violence. You're welcome to join us in the remaining adult classes at 9:45 on June 25. Also read about the Soul Box Project in this issue of News From 3700.

KINGDOM DREAMS, VIOLENT REALITIES

Swords Into Plowshares ~ United Nations, NYC

The Sunday Adult Class continues this week. *Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities* provides us a framework to discuss the scourge of gun violence in America, from gun suicides to domestic violence to mass shootings. We'll look at gun violence from the perspective of our Judeo-Christian heritage; our guide is the little-known Hebrew prophet, Micah, who wrote in Palestine some 2800 years ago. His times were bleak economically and politically, times when the superpowers of his age trounced each other, and refugees fled this way and that to escape violence. Opportunists took what they wanted; others were left hungry. *Sound familiar?* To this world Micah spoke:

*"In days to come...they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn
war any more...for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken." Micah 4:1-4*

Our study is coordinated by Becky Cameron, a member of Central and of *Cleveland School Remembers (CSR)/Brady United Against Gun Violence*. Our curriculum, *Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities*, is a Bible study produced by the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church. The material we're using is available in *pdf* at no cost: <https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/37>. Though not necessary, you may find it helpful to read Ch 2, pages 17-27. We hope you'll join us in Knoles Room 6 on Sunday morning, June 25 ~ Where do we go from here?

INTERFAITH BARBEQUE

Pacific students return to classes on August 28 and on August 30 Central will host the 2nd Annual Interfaith Student Barbeque in Central Park from 5:00 to 7:00pm. For this event to happen many volunteers are needed to help. Help is needed to barbecue, shop for food, make salads and desserts, donate gift cards, set up, clean up, and much more. Sign up at the Opportunity Table this Sunday.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Do you watch HGTV or Magnolia? Would you like to try your hand at doing a small makeover project? Do you like small do-it-yourself projects? Our Little Free Library at Cleveland School looks rather sad. It needs new paint, removal of the broken stars, and its doors fixed. This project will need to be done at your home. Drive by Cleveland School and check on our library. Here is a chance for a volunteer to be creative. The library can be taken to your home for you to work on but must be done by July 31. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Alan Cook at alancook4138@gmail.com.

RECYCLE

Reminders...NO RECYCLE June 18. Contact Bradburys if your committee or group wants to "own" a month & receive the money from the month's collection. \$50-\$100. More if you promote it.

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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