

# Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday, June 25, 2023



## GATHERING

<b>PRELUDE</b>		Monica Adams
<b>GATHERING AND WELCOME</b>	"God Has a Dream"	Alexis Easton
<b>*SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<i>We Come Together</i> <i>We come together grounded in the love of God,</i> <i>We come together to claim the Spirit's power.</i> <i>May we see Christ's face in one another,</i> <i>May we be strengthened for God's purpose in this hour.</i>	(Worship Ensemble will lead)
<b>CHILDREN'S MOMENT</b>		Martha Shuemake
<b>*OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>God Hath Spoken by the Prophets</i>	UMH #108
<b>PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED</b>		
<b>MISSION &amp; MINISTRIES MOMENT</b>		Alexis Easton
<b>RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS</b>		Alexis Easton
<b>*PASSING THE PEACE</b>	(Stand, bow or wave, with the word "Peace be with You!") <b>All Sing: <i>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.</i></b>	Alexis Easton

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE** Micah 4:1-4 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 864) Alexis Easton  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** *Vine and Fig Tree — Round* (Worship Ensemble will lead)  
*And everyone 'neath a vine and fig tree  
Shall live in peace and unafraid. (Repeat)  
And into plowshares turn their swords,  
Nations shall learn war no more. (Repeat)*

**SPEAKER 1** Becky Cameron (Central UMC)

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 22:34-40 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 25) Alexis Easton  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** *Love the Lord Your God* (Worship Ensemble will lead)  
*Love the Lord your God with Heart and Soul and Mind. (Repeat)  
Also love as well your neighbor as yourself. (Repeat)*

**SPEAKER 2** Alan England (Central UMC)

**SPEAKER 3** Cheryl & Doug Hunt (Presbyterian Peace Fellowship)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Alexis Easton  
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** Alexis Easton

**OFFERTORY** Monica Adams

**\*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!* UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alexis Easton

**SENDING FORTH**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH #428

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Sungho Lee

\*POSTLUDE

Monica Adams

*The flowers on the altar are offered as a gift to God today. He calls us to be kind and love each other. Simple, but so often difficult for us. I offer my gratitude today for His constant grace when I fall short. ~ Jamie Spaulding, member of the flower committee.*

\* Indicates please stand as you are able.

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**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Rev. Sungho Lee

Alexis Easton, Worship Leader

Martha Shuemaker, Children's Moment

Jennifer and Zack Alcover, Judy Avila, Ric Campero, & Alexis Easton, Worship Ensemble

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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### **THE OFFICE**

The office area is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. If you need to make copies or need to be in the office area, please come by during the week. It is best to make an appointment as we are short-staffed and may be in a meeting, on lunch or running errands.

Also, regarding the buildings. The buildings are kept locked during the week for the safety of the staff, nursery school teachers and children, and groups that use the facilities during the week. The office and the buildings are closed on Saturdays. On Sunday, only buildings that are being used are unlocked – usually the Knoles Building and the Sanctuary. Again, the other buildings are kept locked for the safety of staff and others on campus. We have had several unpleasant encounters with some of the homeless on our campus and we need to be sure that everyone feels safe while on our facility. Thank you for understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Wanden at [swanden@cumcstockton.org](mailto:swanden@cumcstockton.org).

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### **SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Time: Wednesday, 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.

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### **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](mailto:slee@cumcstockton.org). The class will meet 4 times according to the schedule of the participants.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:emve@comcast.net).

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### **INTERFAITH BARBEQUE**

Pacific students return to classes on August 28 and on August 30 Central will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### **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](mailto:alancook4138@gmail.com).