

Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 27, 2023



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Monica Adams

GATHERING MOMENT

A Reading by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

L: All who hunger, gather around.

All: There is bread here, for empty bellies.

L: There is compassion here, for broken hearts.

All: There is grace here, for shattered lives.

L: There is family here, for lonely souls.

All: There is hope here for all who need it.

L: All who hunger, gather around and lift your hearts to God.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

***OPENING HYMN**

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Martha Shuemake

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT

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

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED

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 Mark 6:30-44 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 42) 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** *The Servant Song* TFWS #2222

HOMILY Alan Cook

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alan Cook

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Alan Cook

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), Julie Campero (11:00am)

OFFERTORY *How Can I Keep from Singing* Monica Adams, Piano
(arr. Howard Helvey)

***DOXOLOGY** *What Gift Can We Bring* UMH #87
***What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?***

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

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION** Alan Cook

***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.***

***POSTLUDE** Monica Adams

Today's altar flowers are from John/Elaine Bradbury in celebration of their anniversary - Sept. 2, 1967. We also honor our grandchildren - 3 off to college, 1 still in high school. We also remember all those affected by the heat, fire and floods.

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Alan Cook, Guest Speaker
Alexis Easton, 8:30am Worship Leader
Julie Campero, 11:00am Worship Leader
Ric Campero, Choir Director
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist
David Campero, Livestream
Mark Wharff & Steven Adams, Media
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator
Rupert Cooper, Audio



STEWARDSHIP CLASS

Amidst the sweeping wildfires that engulfed Maui, we are compelled to witness the stark repercussions of our changing climate. In our role as faithful stewards of God's creation, we must acknowledge our shortcomings in tending to God's gifts.

As we gear up for the upcoming Fall season, the Finance Committee will be presenting a Stewardship Class that is open to EVERYONE! The class will be throughout September and October. This endeavor extends beyond mere pledges and offerings. It's a journey towards embracing our responsibility as custodians of God's wondrous handiwork.

If you are seeking the true essence of stewardship and yearn to learn alongside fellow congregants, we warmly encourage you to share your email address with Pastor Lee at slee@cumcstockton.org. We will meet four times during September and October: September 17 and 24, and October 1 and 8. Our gatherings will commence right after the 11am Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall. Each session will be an hour.

MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

On **September 10 after the 11am service**, we will have the Mid-Year Leadership Summit to review our goals that we set at the beginning of this year and to follow up.

Each committee chair needs to prepare to present the following:

1. What were the goals of the committee?
2. What have you achieved and what you have not? Why?
3. What is your plan for next year?

Finance Committee will present Budget Process:

- **Sep 15, Expense Budget Due Date.** Plan your committee's activities and budget now with your members.
- **Oct 15, Pledge Drive Ends.** Right after we have the expense budget, we will start a pledge drive. The Finance Committee will work on the budget for 2024.
- **Nov-Dec. Church Conference.** The date will be given to us by the District Superintendent in September.

BOOK GROUP

Central Book Group is reading *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. The discussion will be **TODAY** after the 11:00am service. Please reply to jbtaxe@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday October 8, 2023 • 11:00 A.M. Service
Central United Methodist Church is celebrating 25 years as a Reconciling Congregation.

Statement of Reconciliation

As children of God, we are called to share in word and deed the divine love that casts out fear. Made in God's image, we are called to accept ourselves and our sexuality, which is a gift given by God, whatever our sexual orientation. We are called to work together through the Holy Spirit to uphold standards of human relationships grounded in mutual love, responsibility, accountability, trust, and nurture.



Back to School Youth Group!!

Join the fun as we get to know our new
Youth Leader: Elaine



Wednesday September 6
6:30-8:00 ~ Youth Room

Snacks and a Chocolate Fountain