

Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 3, 2023



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Light Dawns on a Weary World
(Nancy Raabe)

Monica Adams

GATHERING MOMENT

Rev. Dave Bennett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Krider

One: May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives.

All: That we may be quieted into prayer.

One: May the love of God flow through our worship.

All: That we may be enlivened with opportunities to serve.

One: May the grace of God seek out our every need,

All: That the restless gospel may set our hearts afire.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH #126

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carol Willson

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT

Joe Krider

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS (11:00am)

Joe Krider

*PASSING THE PEACE

Joe Krider

(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	Psalms 23:1-6 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 501)	Joe Krider
Leader:	This is the word of God for the people of God.	
All:	Thanks be to God.	
*HYMN	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	UMH #420
SCRIPTURE	John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 103)	Joe Krider
Leader:	This is the word of God for the people of God.	
All:	Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	"Our Shepherd: Protector and Provider"	Rev. Dave Bennett
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Joe Krider
PASTOR'S PRAYER		Rev. Dave Bennett

THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS		Joe Krider
OFFERTORY	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i> (Frederick C. Atkinson)	Monica Adams
*DOXOLOGY	<i>What Gift Can We Bring</i> <i>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?</i>	UMH #87
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Joe Krider

COMMUNION

UMH #23-24		Rev. Dave Bennett
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
People:	And also with you.	
Leader:	Lift up your hearts.	
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.	
Leader:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.	
Leader:	It is right and a good and joyful thing...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:	
Sing:	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>	
Leader:	Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.	
Sing:	<i>Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.</i>	
Leader:	Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.	
Sing:	<i>Amen, amen, amen.</i>	

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dave Bennett

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP FOR THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come and Let Us Sweetly Join

UMH #699

Take Our Bread

UMH #640

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH #641

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*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

It Is Well with My Soul
(arr. John Carter)

Monica Adams

***Today's altar flowers are given by John & Elaine Bradbury in celebration of their 56-year wedding anniversary
- Sept. 2, 1967.***

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Dave Bennett, Guest Minister

Joe Krider, Worship Leader

Carol Willson, Children's Moment

Dianne England, Hymn Leader

Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist

Mark Wharff & Steven Adams, Media

Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator

Rupert Cooper, Audio

CONNECTIONS

We're thrilled to invite you to the much-awaited **Youth Group Kick-off** event! Get ready to embark on an exciting journey filled with fun, learning, & new friendships.

What to Expect:

- Icebreaker Games
- Learn about our Vision & Mission
- Live Music
- Enjoy Refreshments at our Tuck Shop
- Special prize for the person who brings the most guests



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.

CENTRAL UMC ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE
Thursday, November 2, 2023, 5:00pm

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 2, 5:30pm** All-Church Conference.
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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.

TWENTY VOLUNTEERS

Thursday, September 21, Central will host the 2nd Annual Pacific Interfaith Barbeque on our campus. Last year over 100 students attended this 5.30pm -7.00pm event. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, barbeque, serve, set up and clean up, and serve as hosts. If you would like to volunteer contact Alan Cook (alancook4138@gmail.com) or sign up today after church.

FRIENDS OF WADI FOQUIN

All members and friends of Central United Methodist Church are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall at noon on September 17th and again on September 24 to learn about the village of Wadi Foquin in the West Bank, its unique partnership with the United Methodist Church and, an interfaith, international nonprofit that was started here in the California/Nevada Conference to support Wadi Foquin partnership. A simple meal will be served both times. If you would like childcare, contact Alan Cook (alancook4138@gmail.com).

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Michael Yoshii a retired clergy from our conference. This event is sponsored by the Missions Committee, the Education Committee, and the Adult Studies Committee of our church. If you are thinking about attending sign up at the table in the Atrium.

17th Annual Blessing of the Animals



Bring your cat, dog, hamster or other animal companions and join us for a simple prayer service honoring St. Francis of Assisi, to celebrate the important place pets hold in our lives, and remind us of the wonder of God's creation, and our roles as stewards of the earth.

Saturday, Oct 7th ~ 10:00 am

 **Outdoor service in our "Central Park"**

 **Commemorative Pet Photos** (Photos begin at 9:30 am)

 **Refreshments for humans and pets**

 **Well-socialized pets on leash or in carriers are welcome**

 **Bring a cat or dog toy to donate to:**  **Stockton Animal Shelter**



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