

Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, November 12, 2023



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Monica Adams

WELCOMING AND SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Susan Perez (8:30am), Alan England (11:00am)

GATHERING MOMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Perez (8:30am), Alan England (11:00am)

L: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

P: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

L: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

P: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

L: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

P: The Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carol Willson

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Stewardship Video 4

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT

Susan Perez (8:30am), Alan England (11:00am)

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED

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

Alan England

*PASSING THE PEACE

Susan Perez (8:30am), Alan England (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.*

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LEFT US

Joe Krider & Alan England

Derrick Decker, 10/25/2022
John Erb, 11/4/2022
Doris Formby, 11/26/2022
Sandra Uriarte, 12/3/2022
Francisca Deguzman, 12/9/2022
Ruth Caudle, 2/11/2023
Carl Isaacs, 2/21/2023
Ann Banks, 2/24/2023
Arlene Smith, 3/19/2023
Charles Sullivan, 4/19/2023

Donald Formby, 5/3/2023
Mee Yoke Hong, 6/9/2023
Walter Richard, 7/11/2023
Dale Putnam, 7/29/2023
Geraldine Shuck, 8/3/2023
Louise Talley, 8/26/2023
Mary Stirton, 8/31/2023
Sarah (Sally) Mills, 9/5/2023
George Badway, 10/1/2023
Michael Ratto, 10/22/2023

HYMN (8:30am) *Oh When the Saints Go Marching In* (see insert)

ANTHEM (11:00am) *Oh When the Saints Go Marching In* Chancel Choir
(arr. Lloyd Larson)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20 Susan Perez (8:30am)
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. Alan England (11:00am)
All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 28) Susan Perez (8:30am)
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. Alan England (11:00am)
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Before It's too Late" Joe Krider

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Susan Perez (8:30am), Alan England (11:00am)

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (Based on Matthew 6:9-16)
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), Alan England (11:00am)

OFFERTORY *Steal Away to Heaven* Monica Adams
(arr. Mark Hayes) Dianne England, Soprano

***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), Alan England (11:00am)

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Joe Krider

***RESPONSE**

Weave Chorus/Let There Be Peace On Earth

(see insert)

***POSTLUDE**

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of our saints Rev. AC Kajese, Mrs. Dorcas Kajese, Mrs. Francis Kawadza, Mrs. Edna Mukundu, Mrs. Dorcas Mudzengerere, Mr. Vengesayi Jaravaza and Mrs. Mukai Jaravaza. From Vimbai Kajese, Simbarashe Jaravaza and Tinashe Jaravaza

*Indicates please stand as you are able.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Joe Krider, Lay Servant
Susan Perez, 8:30am Worship Leader
Alan England, 11:00am Worship Leader
Carol Willson, 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



THANKSGIVING IN A BOX

The deadline for food to be collected for Thanksgiving in a Box is today. If you have not shopped for food, we suggest that you write check or place a cash donation in the offering plate. Be sure to write Thanksgiving in a Box on the memo line. Place the cash in an envelope with Thanksgiving in a Box and your name.

Volunteers are still needed to deliver the boxes to August School this coming Wednesday morning, November 15. Sign up in the atrium.

A huge thank you for your donations.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

As you prepare your hearts and minds for worship on All Saints Sunday during both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services, the Columbarium Committee is preparing to support you on this day of remembrance. To equip you with everything you need to celebrate the eternal life of the saints and your dearly departed loved ones, we invite you to come out to the columbarium after church service to light a memorial candle and take a flower if you wish.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The Trustees are looking for an individual or group who would be willing to volunteer to be in charge of putting our portable handicap parking signs out each Sunday. We have three signs which need to be placed out and removed before each service. For more information, please contact Don Smiley at 209-608-2165 or don.smiley48@gmail.com

NEW CMNS DIRECTOR

Hello! My name is Gabriela Tellez, and I am thrilled to serve as the Early Education Director at the Central Methodist Nursery School. With over 7 years of experience, I am dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and fun environment for young children.

My decision to pursue a career in early childhood education (ECE) was driven by recognizing the importance for all children to have access to a nurturing and safe environment that prioritizes their strengths and caters to their unique needs. This realization motivated me to enter the ECE field, as it presents a unique and special opportunity to create a positive educational experience for children during their formative years. Collaboration with parents and guardians is also a cornerstone of my philosophy. I firmly believe that a strong partnership between educators and families is essential for a child's holistic development.

In my role as Director, I strive to cultivate a warm and inclusive atmosphere where children feel safe, valued, and excited to learn. My goal is to continually enhance our program services and create engaging experiences that foster curiosity and a passion for learning in young children.

On my down time you will find me spending time with my family, tending to my garden, and exploring nature.

UMW/UWF

Please join the UMW/UWF Tuesday, November 14 at 11:30 am for lunch and a general meeting. The SUSD Young Adult Program will provide the meal. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested.

Elaine Bradbury will report on finances. There will be a discussion on future meetings. Plans for the Christmas Tea will be finalized.

Join us for fun and fellowship. See you November 14. Questions, contact Martha Tipton or Elaine Bradbury.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Godly Play and Nursery School program is growing! We are so grateful to experience growth in our Sunday programming for children. On Sunday's children ages 5-11 join us for Godly play and those under 5 have the opportunity to play together in the nursery while their families attend church service. During those times we like to provide a small snack and need help from our congregation to stock our snack cabinet! If you are able, donations of water, juice pouches, goldfish, granola bars or any other kid-friendly snacks would be greatly appreciated. Bring your donations to church and give them to Andrea Moccia or drop them off at the Godly Play room in the Knoles building.

Andrea is working on a plan to figure out where we can store the snacks so that the attendants have access to them on Sundays.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Advent Bible Study will continue the Leadership Bible Study (Samuel, Saul, and David) that we had during the summer. We did not finish the book and we will finish the book this time. Jesus is a "descendent of David" and what qualities of King David made him an ancestor of Jesus would be the key point of the Bible Study.

SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH. . . SERVING AT ST. MARY'S DINING ROOM

For quite a few years, a number of Centralites have served lunches on the food line at St. Mary's Dining Room. Recently they told me that serving on alternate Fridays wasn't enough for them; they'd like to serve *every* Friday. St. Mary's is happy with that!

The Basics: St. Mary's Dining Room, 545 W. Sonora St, Stockton, Friday's from 11:30 (sign-in) until 1:00 pm.

Dress: For your safety, wear long pants & closed-toe shoes. When serving, wear an apron (your own or supplied), hair covering (supplied hairnet or baseball cap) and supplied plastic gloves (sanitary regulations).

If you'd like to join our serving team every week, or just twice a month, or just when you can, you learn more by calling Alan England (209-298-8634) or Julius Hastings (209-401-0771).

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 29TH 2024!

Rotary Read-In, 10:00 am - Cleveland and Team Charter Schools - Sign-ups will start in January.

GIVE A GIFT THIS ADVENT SEASON

It is a Central tradition to decorate our Sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to give a gift of \$15 to the Poinsettia Fund in memory or in honor of a special someone, please do so today. Fill out the form and mark your contribution "Poinsettia" on the memo line. All donors will be recognized in our bulletin on December 17 and 24. Donors may take a poinsettia home after **Christmas Eve** services.

Deadline: December 12.

YOUR NAME (who the poinsettia is from) _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

or

IN HONOR OF _____

or

OTHER MESSAGE _____