

# Central United Methodist Church

3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024

*"Simon, do you love me? Feed My Sheep. Tend my lambs."*

John 21:15-16

*"A lot of people don't look at housing as a human right, but it is.  
To have a decent place to live is a basic human right."*

Jimmy Cater

*"I choose daily to see the image of God in all people."*

Alan Cook

\*Indicates please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Monica Adams

GATHERING MOMENT

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

INTROIT

*From The Rising of the Sun*  
[by Eric Thiman]

Chancel Choir

\*WORDS OF WELCOME

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

Leader: Welcome to you if you walked here.

**All: We gather together for worship.**

Leader: Welcome to you if you drove.

**All: We gather together for worship.**

Leader: Welcome to you if you sleep in an apartment, in a home, in a shelter, in a tent or on a bench.

**All: We gather together for worship.**

Leader: Welcome to you if you have new shoes, and welcome to you if you have no shoes.

**All: We gather together for worship.**

Leader: Welcome to you if you are struggling, and welcome if you are hurting. Welcome to you if you are full of grief or sorrow. Welcome to you if you are lonely, for here you will find community.

**All: We gather together for worship.**

Leader: Welcome if this is your first time at Central, and welcome to you if you have been here a hundred times. Welcome to you no matter whom you love. Welcome to you no matter where you are from.

**All: We gather together for worship.**

Leader: Welcome if you are watching online or listening in a car.

**All. We gather together for worship on this Sunday.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UMH#581

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Martha Shuemake

MISSION & MINISTRIES MOMENT

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

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.***

ANTHEM

*Gather Us In*  
arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

PRAYER CARDS COLLECTED

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10.25-37 (Pew Bible NRSV, page 71)

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.**

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED SPEAKER

Alan Cook

MESSAGE

Petra Linden, Chief Executive Officer  
St. Mary's Community Services

\*HYMN

*Walk with Me*

TFWS #2242

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Monica Adams

\*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 uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**EASTER GIFT PRESENTATION**

Alan Cook  
Chair of the Mission Committee

**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**

Monica Adams

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**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Petra Linden, Honored Speaker  
Susan Perez, (8:30am) Worship Leader  
Alan England, (11:00am) Worship Leader  
Ric Campero, Choir Director  
Monica Adams, Organist/Pianist  
David Campero, Livestream  
Steven Adams, Media  
Cherie Hudson, Facilities Coordinator

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**WELCOME CENTER**

**If you are a visitor, please use this information for your convenience!**

**Sunday Schedule**

8:30 am Worship Service at the Fireside Room in the Knoles Building in English  
9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am behind the Sanctuary choir room  
10:15 am Worship Service at the Fireside Room in the Knoles Building in Cambodian language.  
11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary in English.  

- Childcare (under age 5) is available in the Knoles building. A friendly caregiver welcomes you!
- Godly Play (leave 11 am service Following Children's Moment)

12:00 pm Fellowship Hour, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday Nights**

7:00 pm 3700Yth Group in the Youth Rooms upstairs in the Knoles Building.

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### **TIME AND TALENT SURVEY**

Please fill out the time and talent survey insert and send it to pastor Lee.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Our beloved brother, Rupert Cooper, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2024 at Hospice Care. The service will be on May 4 at 11 AM at Central UMC in the Sanctuary. Please pray for the family and our church who are grieving with the family.

### **OFFICE CHAIRS NEEDED!**

The office is in need of 2 new office chairs. One is over 20 years old, and one is...well...just very uncomfortable (it was given to us). Unfortunately, we do not have the money in the office budget for any chairs. If you are able to help financially, please let Susie Wanden know (swanden@cucmstockton.org). Thank you for your consideration.

### **SUNDAY BOOK GROUP**

Here are the next 3 book titles the book group is excited to share. Discussion suggested to follow the order listed but subject to change per book availability.

1. *The Museum of Ordinary People* by Mike Gayle. Discussion June 2nd
2. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Discussion TBD
3. *Music and Mind* by Renee Fleming. Discussion TBD

Sunday, Hidden Valley Road generated lots of conversation. In general we agreed we learned a lot but it was a hard book to read....no cure, still lots of questions, various opinions on drugs/medication, stress for families - time, money, finding resources, progress but slow.

### **PARENTS GROUP**

Join us for community and fellowship and support on the incredible journey of parenthood. Please sign up below and we will send you a reminder of our monthly call. Our plan is to meet the Third Tuesday of every month from 8:00-9:00 pm on zoom. For questions, please call or text Jennifer Robles at 209-969-2935

Link to google form to sign up for reminders: <https://forms.gle/QYsJSorcs9BkqxzN7>