



# Madera United Methodist Church



**October 6, 2024**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

**“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”**

Prelude as Congregation Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

**All: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice in it.**

Leader: You are eternal. We are a fleeting vapor.

**All: They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.**

Leader: You have called us to this time and place

**All: May we meet with You here and now. Amen.**

Hymn

“We are Gathered for Thy Blessing”

We are gathered for Thy blessing,  
We will wait upon our God;  
We will trust in Him who loved us,  
And who bought us with His blood.

Refrain:

Spirit, now melt and move  
All of our hearts with love,  
Breathe on us from above  
With old-time pow’r.

We will glory in Thy power,  
We will sing of wondrous grace;  
In our midst as Thou hast promised,  
Come, O come and take Thy place. (Refrain)

Bring us low in prayer before Thee,  
And with faith our souls inspire,  
Till we claim by faith the promise  
Of the Holy Ghost and fire. (Refrain)

A Time for the Child in Us All

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Allred

The 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**

Praise Song "The Goodness of God" CCLI License #3223091

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night, You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me  
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With my life laid down I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
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Prayer for Illumination

**Lord of All the Earth, you have called followers from all peoples on the planet. As we read your word may we hear your call to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 6:35-40

Carol Kennedy

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Whoever Comes"

Scott Allred

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"I Come with Joy"

I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known;  
we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna is the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ  
By baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit

On the night in which he gave himself up for us  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"

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.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Benediction in Song: "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude

Celebrating Christ by Serving All

Announcements

10/9-Nurture & Care @6pm CR

**10/10-10/13- We will be hosting Walk to Emmaus; Church will be fully booked.**

10/14-Finance @6pm CR

10/15-Missions @5pm FS

10/15-Church Council @6pm CR

Birthday Announcements

10/7 David Lee

10/9 Geri Brown

10/11 David Eddy

10/13 Kathy Gage

Anniversary Announcements

10/7 Rick & Lynn Slaw-Seversen

10/8 AJ & Kristina Pasma