

We welcome you to worship with us

September 21st, 2025, 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Rev. Heilala Ahio, Pastor

The Light of Christ Enters

Welcome and Passing the Peace
Worship Leader

Germaine Burke

Return to seats singing: *This Is the Day*

UMH 658

Call to Worship *Psalm 79:1-9*

Words on Screen

Hymn of Praise *O God of Every Nation*

UMH 435

Young People's Moment

Rev. Heilala Ahio

We Share our Prayers and Praises
God is at work in our lives/Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Doxology

On Screen

Hymn of Preparation *Light of the World*

TFWS 2204

SCRIPTURE READING, Luke 16:1-13, p1273 in the pew Bible

Response:

Worship Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God* *All: Thanks be to God*

Sermon *The Door of Prayer* *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

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Hymn of Purpose *Be Thou My Vision*
Opportunities to Serve

UMH 451
Tracy Tennies

Song for Going Forth *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

TFWS 2281

Benediction

The Light of Christ Goes into the World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar flowers are provided by Jojo & Anita in loving memory of their mom

Our Communion offering for SEPTEMBER

Children's Hope is a nonprofit organization located in Jinja District, Uganda

It was started first on a volunteer basis and is now a government recognized community based organization (CBO) providing assistance to people with disabilities and those caring for these people. The primary mission is to enhance efforts toward transforming the living standards of this section of marginalized communities.

Children's Hope now runs a school for 25 children with hearing impairment located in Bugembe Town, Uganda; sponsors 25 children with physical disabilities in local school programs and supports families with services such as medical care, school supplies, transportation to school and acquisition of specialized equipment. In addition, they provide supports to adults with disabilities living in the community. Follow us on Facebook

OCTOBER 5 IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!
THERE WILL BE NO 10:30 AM SERVICE,
NO 4:00 PM SERVICE, WHAT???!!!!

Come one, come all to a special, inclusive service at 1:00p.m.! Central is hosting a joint service with St. Mark's UMC, St. Paul's UMC, and Holy Cross UMC! It's really happening! All of Stockton's United Methodists are invited!!! The pastors and associate pastors of these 4 churches are planning the service together!! Come join in worship on this very special Sunday! Meet new people! Make new friends!

Join us at 1:00p.m. in the Central UMC Sanctuary,
3400 Pacific Avenue, Stockton on Oct. 5!

Church office is open on Tuesday from 9-12 pm. If you need to make arrangements to meet, please contact Temple at 209-986-8367.

EMERGENCY FOOD BANK FARMER'S MARKET IS THE 4th FRIDAY MONTHLY
Holy Cross Parking Lot, Bring your own bags, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, **September 26th**

MERCY PEDALERS DONATIONS!

We need donations of: Bottled water, treats or cookies – store bought or homemade
Instant oatmeal, fresh or canned fruit, Cup-a-soups, Granola or snack bars, dog food or treats
wet wipes, Leftover party food, Hygiene items: travel size soaps, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

Men's and women's summer t-shirts and pants, socks, caps, blankets, sleeping bags...

We, and most especially the people we serve, appreciate all donations!! Our donation bin is in the social hall under the name-tag board. If you need more information contact Rita Steele (858) 414-3020, Sham Sealy (209) 479-4981, or Tracy Tennies 209 327-7072

✨You're Invited! ✨

Join us for the Family Promise of San Joaquin County Inaugural Gala on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 6–9 PM at Capecchio Ovest, generously hosted by the Cortopassi Family.

This elegant evening will bring together community leaders, supporters, and friends to celebrate hope, raise awareness, and support families with children facing homelessness in San Joaquin County. Tickets: \$125 per person

Tables of 10 and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Your presence helps provide shelter, hope, and long-term stability for families in need right here in our community. ❤️ Get your tickets today: www.familypromisesjc.org/gala

Let's come together for an unforgettable night of impact and inspiration! ☀️

Our partnership with the Bugembe Women's Resource Centre in Uganda began in 2013. The Holy Cross commitment to this partnership has made it possible for the Centre to be built and to offer a program to assist women in many ways. Now there is a need for a shelter program to help vulnerable girls and young women who are homeless to stay safe. This safety refuge is not available elsewhere in the community. Our Holy Cross Administrative Council has approved this appeal for additional funding. If you want to be part of making this happen, please put your clearly marked contribution to the building of this shelter in the Sunday worship service offering or online to Holy Cross.

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