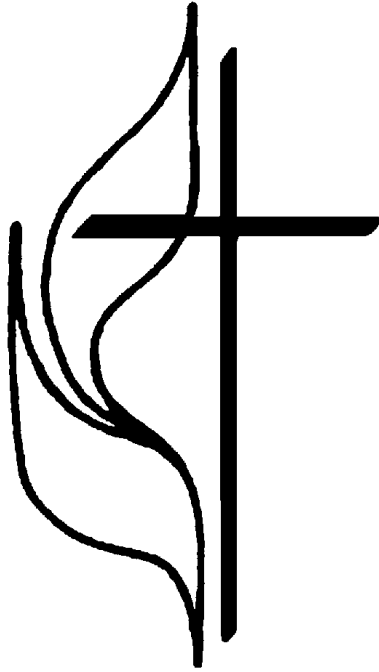


ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2025



**Hughson United
Methodist Church**

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

If we indeed cry out for insight and raise our voice for understanding—

If we seek wisdom like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures—

Then will we understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from the Lord's mouth come knowledge and understanding.

The Lord stores up sound wisdom for the upright, and is a shield to those who walk blamelessly.

The Lord guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of the faithful.

INVOCATION

* MUSIC *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* vs 1-4 # 57

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

MUSIC *"Change My Heart, O God"* (TFWS # 2152)

*"Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.*

*You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.*

*"Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You."*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:22-24 (NIV pew Bible # 957)

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 21:33-43 (NIV pew Bible # 1532)

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?” ⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, who spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, and who has spoken to us by your Son: Open our ears and hearts by your Holy Spirit to welcome your Holy One’s words of eternal life, that we may rejoice in your rule and walk after him in your ways. Amen.

MESSAGE *Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables* Darrell Arnold

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Jesus Christ brought God’s Kingdom near, calling all people to repent and believe the good news. We believe his death on the cross exposes both the reality of human sin and the depths of God’s selfless, sacrificial love. We believe his resurrection is God’s ultimate victory over sin, hate, evil, and death. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, Jesus still calls us and all to repent and believe the gospel, yielding our hearts to God alone, embodying in our lives the justice, mercy, and love of God’s rule.

MUSIC *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* # 462

NOISY CHANGE COLLECTION benefits Sober Grad

OFFERING

- * DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 95
- * MUSIC *“When We All Get to Heaven”* # 701
- * BENEDICTION ** Please stand if you are able*

**Have a prayer concern or a blessing to share?
Call (209) 883-4952 or email office@hughsonumc.com.
Please obtain permission of individuals involved before sharing.**

Prayers

Pastoral transition process for Churches, Pastors & families;
Pastor Victoria Schlintz, hospice care;
Esta Smart, continued healing;

Those Experiencing Loss

Family & friends of Sam Vaughn (Memorial: April 5, 1pm)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26 – Apr 2 Wednesday Lenten Study, 4-5pm

Mar 30 Potato Bar, \$6

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| Stretch Class | Monday 8:30am, Social Hall |
| Lunch with the Pastor | Monday 11:30am, Samaritan Village |
| Seek & Sew | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10am-2pm, Youth Rm |
| Men's Group | Wednesday 8am, Hamilton's |
| Women's Bible Study | Wednesday 9:30am, Youth Room |
| Strengthening Class | Wednesday 8:30am, Social Hall |
| Samaritan Village Bible Study | Friday 11am, Game Room |
| Adult Sunday School | Sunday 9:30am, Youth Room |
| Children's Sunday School | Sunday during Worship |

FINANCE REPORT

Thru February 28	Income	Expenses
Month to date	\$ 11,109	\$ 17,939
Year to date	\$ 30,047	\$ 39,380

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TMOJ Pt. 3: Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables

Big Idea: We have 40,000 recorded words of Jesus, yet despite a few verses, few people seem to know what Jesus taught.

Key Verse: ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

- Matthew 21:43 (NIV)

On this day, I believe baseball prophetically _____ truth and challenged the world to respond.

For us, this dynamic of truth poses a question: When we encounter truth, how do we _____?

The Bible tells us Jesus challenged _____ people, religious and non-religious to respond to truth.

In this encounter with temple leadership, Jesus uses parables to _____ everyone to respond to the truth of God's Kingdom.

If you read a parable and do not feel compelled to _____, to respond to truth, then you have not understood the parable correctly.

Through discovery, submission, and prophecy, we _____ God's call to make disciples and build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Scripture for Further Study:

Matthew 21:23-46

Psalms 118:22-24

Prayer for the Week:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen