

*Order of Worship*  
*THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY*  
9:30 am – January 21, 2024

*Participating Live?*

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Chant donné*  
Kyle Hanks, Organ  
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**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Fran Turner, liturgist

L: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

**P: Thanks be to God for such wondrous love!**

L: Come this day into the presence of God.

**P: We come with overflowing hearts!**

L: Celebrate God's mercy and compassion.

**P: Praise be to God who offers us hope. AMEN.**

Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2225/worship-connection-january-14-2024>

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come, We That Love the Lord*  
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1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

**PASTORAL 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.**

**SCRIPTURE**

*John 1: 43-51* (NRSV)  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

**PREPARATION HYMN**

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

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1. Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim  
And kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?

2. Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,  
On roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew,  
Where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, "Crucify!"  
When on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone,  
A dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?
4. O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,  
Nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!"  
You'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Cindy Huskey

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Yes, Lord*

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, Director; Kyle Hanks, Piano

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. As we have heard your word this morning, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. May the gifts we now give back to you be blessed as we live out your call to discipleship in our lives. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Adapted from a prayer by Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2225/worship-connection-january-14-2024>

**SENDING HYMN**

*Here I Am, Lord*

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### *The Summons*

Kyle Hanks, organ

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### *Yes, Lord*

**Refrain:** Yes, Lord, yes, my Lord. Yes is our answer. What's your question gonna be?

Well Samuel, he was sleeping in the temple late one night. He heard a voice calling him and he woke up in a fright. He went to see old Eli to ask him what to do. And he said: "When you hear that voice again, say Lord, I'm here for you!" And he said: **Refrain**

Well Peter, Andrew, James and John got a visit from the Lord. They were working on their fishing nets when he walked up on the shore. He said: "Will you leave your nets behind and watch your lives begin? You've been fishing your whole life away, come be my fishers of men." And they said: **Refrain**

"Now, will you go out for me?" We say: "Yes, Lord." "Will you feed the hungry?" We say: "Yes, my Lord." "Will you praise my name?" "Yes, Lord." "Stand up and proclaim?" "Yes, my Lord." And we'll say: "Yes, Lord! Yes is our answer. What's your question gonna be?"

Whatever your question, we will say: "Yes, my Lord!"

### *Prayer Requests*

**San Luis Obispo UMC** —Pastor Mark Sturgess

**Grace Korean UMC, Glendale**—Church Leaders

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

All who may be suffering from the winter storms hitting the United States

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