



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

### Order of Worship

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 11am

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(If you are visiting, thank you for choosing First United Methodist Church today. Please take a minute to complete a Contact/Prayer Card located in the pew racks. Place the card into the collection plates anytime during worship.)

**Our Vision for First UMC is to share the message of Christ through community, compassion and faith.**

**So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

### Announcements:

### Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

### Responsive Call to Worship

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.  
**Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.**

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.  
**May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.**

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.  
**As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,  
witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

(Inspired by Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18)

### Hymn

"Lord speak to me" # 463

### Opening Prayer

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### Hymn

"Take my life and let it be" # 399

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**Passing of the Peace**

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Hymn**

“Here I am lord” # 593

**Scripture readings**

**John 1: 43-51 (NIV)**

**Children Moment**

“Where Children Belong” # 2233

**Message**

“Unexpected Calls”

**Hymn**

“Oh master let me walk with thee” # 430

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS****Doxology # 94****Prayer of Dedication**

Merciful God, you provide us with so many opportunities to follow Jesus’ teaching and to live as modern day disciples. We sometimes respond to your call with enumerable excuses or unfounded worries. We confuse our spiritual longing with the need for possessions. Yet, these things only provide a false sense of security. As we offer these financial resources, transform us so that we are stirred to hear your call on our lives. We pray in the name of the Redeeming One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

“Lord you give the great commission” # 584

**Benediction**