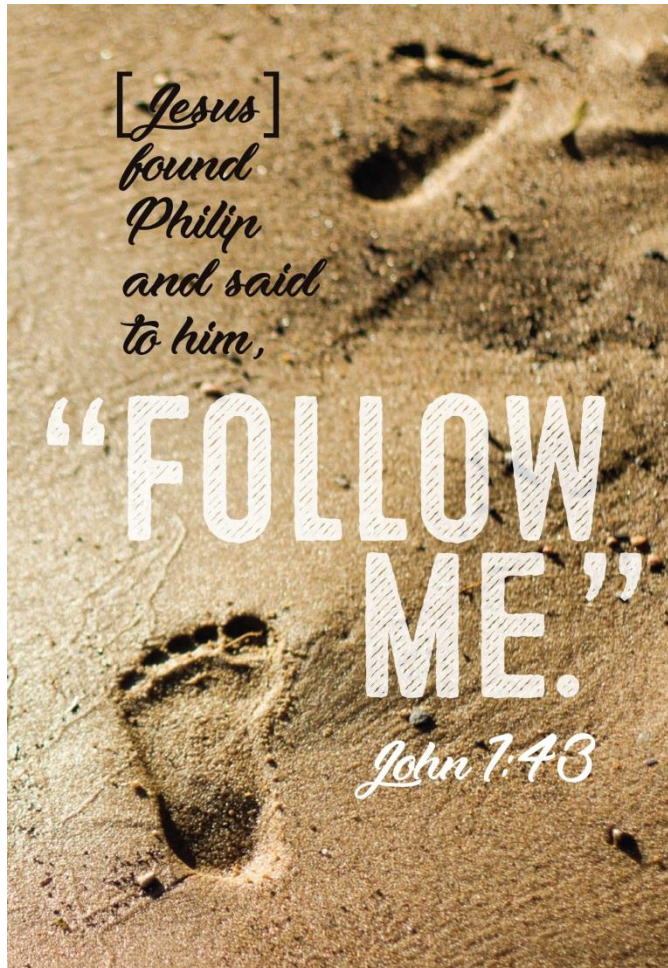




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January 14, 2024  
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Tomorrow is MLK Day, Lord. As I worship today, help me see specific ways in which you call me to better serve and love others.

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

**People: The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb calls us this day.**

Leader: Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

**People: The One acquainted with all our ways leads us into life.**

Leader: Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us home.

**ALL: The One who hems us in, from behind and before, is a lamp to our feet.  
Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

### **Hymn – “He Leadeth Me”**

*UMH 128*

### **Doxology**

*UMH 95*

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

#### **Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)*

**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 Reading – Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**

NRSV pew Bible, p.545-546 (OT)

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*UMH 881*

### **Choir Anthem – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow;  
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll every adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with a glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, 'tis now,  
my Jesus, 'tis now.

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**Gospel Reading – John 1: 43-51**

NRSV pew Bible, p. 87 (NT)

**Message – Responding to the Call**

Pastor Dan Baer

**Hymn – “Here I Am Lord”**

UMH 593

**Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

Today's Greeters: Prince & Gloria Jones  
Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Greeters: M.A. & Brenda Robertson  
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson  
Next Week's Altar Flowers: Kim Aspden, IMO Donald Miller

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.  
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are  
available at the entrance if your child would like one.*

*If you are visiting us today, welcome! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card, found in the  
pew holders, and return it to the offering plate or one of the ushers/greeters.  
Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

## **What to know this week...**

### **Calendar this week:**

- TODAY, 1/14**      *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
**Congregational Care Council, 4PM in Room 12**  
**Worship Team, 5PM in Room 12**  
**Youth Lock-In, 6PM in Carson & Montague Halls**  
*NA, 7PM in Saints Hall*
- Mon, 1/15**      *MLK Day of Service*  
*GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
- Tues, 1/16**      *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*  
*Staff Meeting, 10:30AM in the Office*  
*GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
- Wed, 1/17**      *Choir Rehearsal, 7PM in the Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 1/18**      *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room*  
*Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall*
- Sat, 1/20**      *GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*
- Sun, 1/21**      *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
*Finance Committee, 4PM in Room 12*  
*SJ Youth, 4PM in Montague Halls*

**The 2024 Altar Flowers Signup is Available!** If you'd like to provide altar flowers for the sanctuary in 2024, please visit the online signup page at [www.tinyurl.com/SJAltarFlowers](http://www.tinyurl.com/SJAltarFlowers), sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby, or contact Martha Brown ([office@stjamesraleigh.org](mailto:office@stjamesraleigh.org); 919-876-5796) for assistance.

**Life Line Screening is coming January 24, 9AM-5PM:** Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Saint James UMC. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions is offered for only \$159 and takes 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 member discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450, visit <https://llsa.social/HC> or text the word "circle" to 797979.

**Introducing the Mr. St. James Pageant 2024!** Come support the St James UMY and get to know some of the United Methodist Men a little better. On Sunday, January 28, we will have lunch provided by the UMM following the 11AM service. During the lunch we'll have a "men's pageant" to raise money for the UMY. Your donations will determine the winner. One dollar equals one vote. Join us for fun, fellowship, and to choose your Mr. St James!

**2024 Calendar Reminder:** Committee chairs and ministry/mission/program leaders: Please be sure to plan ahead and submit your 2023 Ministry Planning Sheets to get your events on the church calendar! Since there are several new faces on the Administrative Council this coming year, some meeting dates and times may change. Reserve your dates and spaces as soon as possible; all are first-come, first served. Planning sheets are available in the church office and on the Members page of the church website ([stjumc.us](http://stjumc.us)).

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