



Bellflower UMC

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER



PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,

That Jesus Christ is Lord. (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP²



Jesus has given us a new commandment:

We are commanded to love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us,

So we ought to have love for one another.

By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

By our love for one another.

Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

Worship God by loving one another.

HYMN



#89. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PSALM



861. Psalm 148

SCRIPTURE LESSON



Acts 11:1-18

HYMN



#156. I Love to Tell the Story

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



¹ Cover art by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com

² written by Rev. Mindi and posted on *Rev-o-lution*. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

LORD'S PRAYER - #895



**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 LESSON



Hebrews 3:12-19

John 13:31-35

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON³ - #12



Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you;
you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil,
with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

**Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

³ posted on the PCUSA website. <http://www.pcusa.org/>

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT⁴

Holy God, before time you named us

Through time you redeem us

You call us, precious in your sight

May we love as you love.

Holy One, through the turbulent waters

Make us steady, your hands

Holding strong the fragile and weak

May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives

be food for the hungry, bread

clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word

May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove the chaff

Of our lives that keep us from

Hearing, following, Your call

May we love as you love.

Loving God, take this day our fears our

Worries, distractions, and all

Turn them into wheat, heart food

May we love as you love. Amen

OFFERING & PEACE

⁴ Terri, *RevGalBlogPals*. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/>

DOXOLOGY - #95
HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



**Eternal God, we give you thanks
for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**


POSTLUDE




Go Now In Peace

CHARGE & BLESSING

Next Sunday:

 Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;

2 Thessalonians 3:16; John 14:23-29

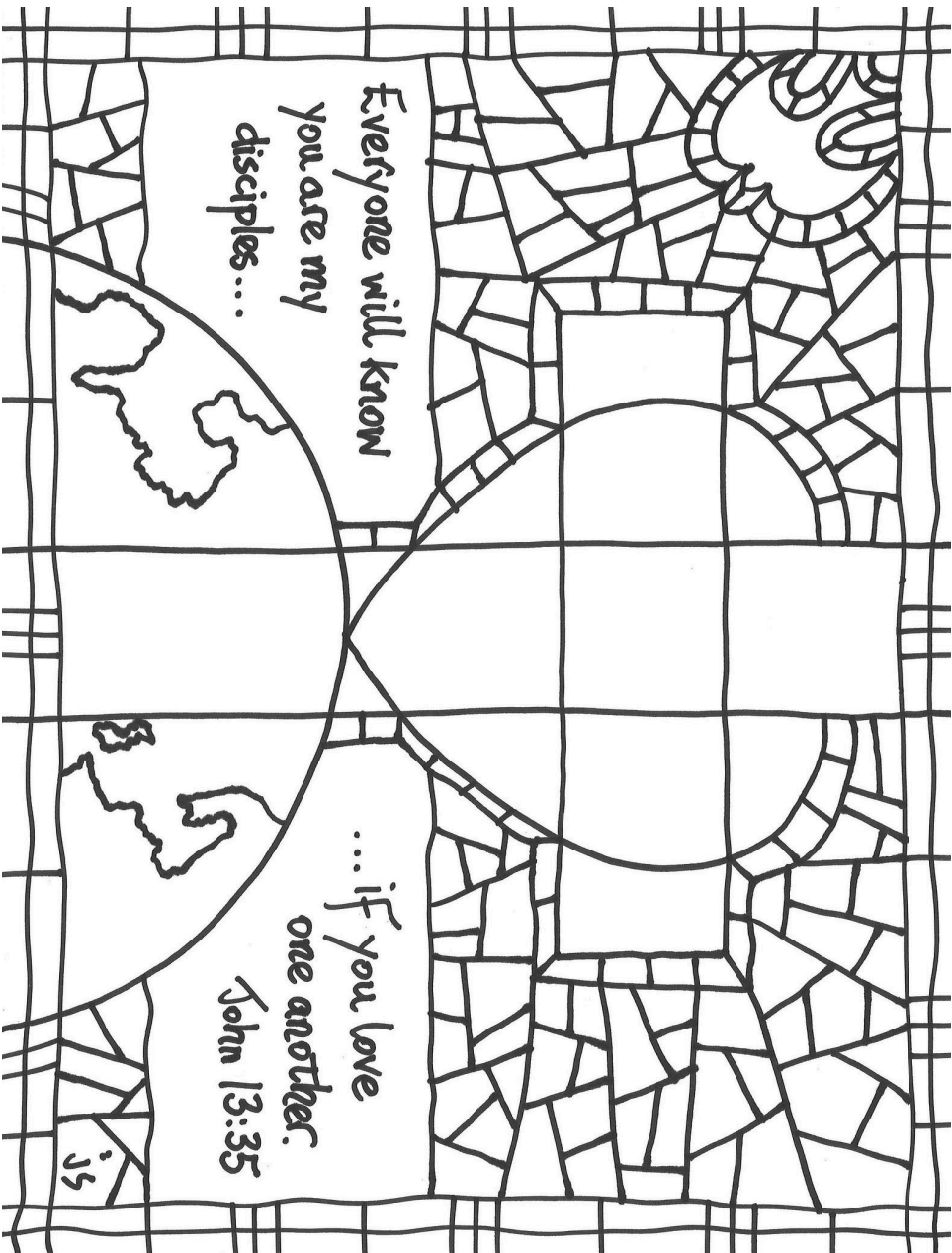
 Be Thou My Vision, God of Grace and God of Glory,

Dona Nobis Pacem

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Everyone will know
you are my
disciples...

...if you love
one another.
John 13:35