



Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER - #677

 HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer #496

Every Time I Feel the Spirit #404

PSALM² - Psalm 124

If God hadn't been on our side when we were attacked by our enemies, we would have been swallowed alive and the flood would have swept us away.

Blessed be God who didn't let us be eaten up or drowned!

We have flown away like a bird escaping from a cage and who is never captured.

Our help comes from God's hands who made the heaven and earth and all that is in them.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

NT READING - James 5:13-20

GOSPEL - Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

 HYMN

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² *God's Word, My Voice, A Lectionary for Children*, Lynn Zill Briggs

The Lord's Prayer

CONFESSION & PARDON

Gracious God, we confess that we do not pray as we ought.

We do not pray as often as we ought.

We pray for ourselves, not thinking of others.

We pray without action, thinking prayer alone is sufficient.

We pray in times of trouble, never thanking you for your gifts.

We pray when we want something, as if you were a mail-order catalog.

Holy Spirit, perfect our prayer. Move us to pray for others as well as ourselves. Send us out into the world to live out our prayers, to the glory of God.

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!

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Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go and do God's will on Earth as it is in Heaven.

May God who art in Heaven give you this day your daily bread.

May Jesus who died for you forgive your trespasses as you forgive those who trespass against you.

May the Holy Spirit deliver you from Evil.

To God be all power and glory forever.

Go in peace.

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217 898 8161, rob@methodist.cc).