

God is my
salvation
I will trust,
and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD
is my
strength
& my
song

Isaiah 12:2

Bellflower UMC

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GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord! (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

God is about to create new heavens and a new earth; **we will not remember the former things. They will not come to mind.**

Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating; **God is about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.**

God will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in God's people; **no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.**

You shall build houses and inhabit them; **we shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.**

Before you call God will answer, **while we are yet speaking God will hear.**

HYMN 🎵

706. Soon and Very Soon

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 12

HYMN 🎵

464. I Will Trust in the Lord

Will you trust in the Lord ... ?

I will trust in the Lord ...

Will you sing for Him today ... ?

I'm gonna shout and sing for joy.

Will you watch for Him today ... ?

¹ From Isaiah 65

I'm gonna watch, hope, and pray.
Will you walk in the Light ... ?
I'm gonna try to do what's right.
Will you talk with Him today ... ?
I'm gonna stay on bended knees.
Will you give thanks to the Lord ... ?
I will trust in the Lord, til I die.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

HYMN

2282. I'll Fly Away

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON²

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago, he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare approach God with our confession.

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.

We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.

We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.

We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.

Forgive us, O God.

Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,

and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you.

Amen.

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 

HOLY COMMUNION

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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.**

CHARGE & BLESSING³

Go out into the world in peace.
Live fully.
Build homes.
Plant vineyards.
Give thanks.
Work for what is right.

And now may the God of our salvation,
our strength and our comfort,
guard your hearts and minds
this day and evermore.

POSTLUDE 🎵

Go Now In Peace

Questions for Reflection⁴

In a world that values busyness above all else, how do we, in a healthy and faithful way, hold Paul's demand to work well with the command for Sabbath? "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right" (2 Thess. 3:13). Even Paul realizes that it can become tedious to work for justice. What are ways that we might stay energized in a seemingly impossible task? Jesus' words in Luke are particularly challenging; he assures his disciples and believers that

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⁴ *ibid.*

they will be persecuted, handed over, betrayed, and hated (Luke 21:12–19). Where is there good news in a text filled with such scary assurances?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of comfort,
we give thanks for the dawning of a new day.
Even though we have turned from you
you have reached for us.
Even though we have been afraid
you have been our strength and our might.
May we draw life-giving water with joy this day,
giving thanks for the multitude of gifts and challenges we face,
singing praises to the Lord throughout all the earth. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of salvation,
we are reminded of the myriad of ways
you have strengthened and supported us today.
In the midst of challenge and promise
you reach for us.
You create a new heaven and a new earth
and call us to participate in the renewing of hearts and minds.
Be with us and those we love this night.
Be with your beloved whose fear prevails over your comfort,
and bring us through this night
to the dawning of a new day. Amen.

Next Sunday: Community Worship, 9AM @UMC

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