



# Bellflower UMC

November 12, 2023

# GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

God of holy anticipation, you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us.

Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING<sup>3</sup>

**Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.**

**Here I am to say that You're my God.**

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,**

**Altogether wonderful to me (2x)**

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>4</sup>

We enter worship once again this day  
choosing to serve you, God, and no other.

**With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

We enter as witnesses to one another  
to live out our baptism and grow into the Body of Christ.

**With waiting hearts we come to worship**

We enter dependent on the Spirit  
to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

**With waiting hearts we come to worship.**

## SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=3871](https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3871)

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/1209268590.pdf>

## HYMN

722. I Want to Be Ready

88. Maker, in Whom We Live

## VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

## HYMN

717. Battle Hymn of the Republic

## PSALM

Psalm 78:1-8

## DISCUSSION

## 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.**

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**Incline Thine ear to us,  
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## OFFERING & PEACE

## DOXOLOGY - #95

## HOLY COMMUNION

# SENDING FORTH

The God of all grace,  
who has called us all to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish us and strengthen us  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that we may live in grace and peace.

## POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

Go Now In Peace

### Week 46 Reading Plan:

<b>Mon</b>	Luke 23 John 18-19	<b>Fri</b>	Acts 4-6
<b>Tue</b>	Matthew 28 Mark 16		
<b>Wed</b>	Luke 24 John 20-21	<b>Sat</b>	Acts 7-8
<b>Thu</b>	Acts 1-3	<b>Sun</b>	Acts 9-10

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