



Bellflower UMC

July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE¹ & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

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 WORSHIP²

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,
come to me and I will give you rest.

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² posted on the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand.
<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

Take the yoke I give you.

Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.

I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.

This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Christ calls us to come to worship,

To rest from the things that are troubling us,

To learn what Christ can teach of life,

To realize what we can offer to others,

And so to return into the world to serve.

Let us worship God.

HYMN 

261. Lord of the Dance

SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-25a

HYMN 

2158. Just A Closer Walk With Thee

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE 

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

RESPONSE 

402. Lord, I Want to Be a Christian.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH³

As you go from this place, remember: Christ offers his yoke to you, promising to come alongside and stick with you no matter where your journey takes you. So when your week gets hard, when you feel like you are at your wits' end, when the overwhelm is too much, Christ holds out his yoke to you. Will you take it?

POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace

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Week 28 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Isaiah 5-8	Amos 1-5	Amos 6-9	2 Chron 27 Isaiah 9-12	Micah 1-7	2 Chron 28 2 Kings 16-17	Isaiah 13-17

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