



## Bellflower UMC

August 20, 2023

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE<sup>1</sup> & 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 WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,  
and God said: Let there be light.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

**I have called you by name, you are mine.**

When Jesus was baptized by John,  
suddenly the heavens were opened.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And as Jesus was coming out of the water,  
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.

**I have called you by name, you are mine.**

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<sup>2</sup> Austin D. Hill.

<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/calls-to-worship-on-baptism/>

## HYMN

Washed In the Blood

3164. Down To The River To Pray

## SCRIPTURE

Genesis 45:9-15

## PSALM

850. Psalm 133

## NOISY OFFERING

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## HOLY COMMUNION

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER

## RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

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**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## OFFERING

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:22-28

## DISCUSSION

## HYMN

2248. Baptized in Water

## POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace

### Week 34 Reading Plan

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Jeremiah 41-45	Jer 46-48	Jer 49-50	Jer 51-52	Lam. 1-2, 3:1-36	Lam 3:37-66, 4-5	Ezekiel 1-4

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