



My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Psalm 22:1

Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER²

When nothing is right,
when we are weary and lost,
when clouds dull the sky,

help us to be still.

When our cries are unheeded,
when no effort bears fruit,
when the sun sets,

help us to be still.

When love is over,
when hope is gone,
when darkness covers the land,

help us to be still.

For in being still,
in refusing to panic or despair,
we shall come to know that God is there,
suffering alongside and with us,
waiting to show us stepping-stones through the swirling
waters, and to help us sing a new song. **Amen.**

PSALM - Psalm 22:1-15

 HYMN - #520

Nobody Knows the Trouble I See

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² Written by Kate Compston. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/centering-prayer-help-us-to-be-still.html>.

CALL TO WORSHIP³

Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.

We come to worship the God who became one of us,

Who calls us by name,

Who is Love Incarnate,

Who is!

Let us gather together in joy and hope –

Let us worship the God of Love!

 HYMN - #467

Trust and Obey

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

NT READING - Hebrews 4:12-16

GOSPEL - Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

 HYMN - #402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

CONFESSION & PARDON

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

³ Roger D. Shaw, in *Flames of Spirit: Resources for Worship*, Ruth Duck, ed, Pilgrim Press, 1985, 61.

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING

The Father has not forsaken you,
The Son has not given you up,
The Spirit has not abandoned you,
Your lament has been heard.

Go sing your song of joy for the world to hear.

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).