



## Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

God created

all things visible and invisible; none other.

**God alone is our shelter and strength; none other.**

God provides

food for your stomach and spirit; none other.

**God alone defends and protects us; none other.**

God is able

to accomplish abundantly

far more than all we can ask or imagine.

**Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.**

 HYMN

Ⓑ **Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176**

Ⓜ **This Little Light of Mine**

Ⓜ **I Saw the Light**

PSALM<sup>3</sup> - Psalm 14

Foolish people tell themselves, “There is no God.

All of us do horrid things. None of us is good.”

God sees all of us, and wonders if any of us is wise.

Is there even one of us who seeks God?

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from re:Worship,

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/opening-litany-god-alone.html>, and  
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<sup>3</sup> *God’s Word, My Voice, A Lectionary for Children*, Lynn Zill Briggs

## **When will God's people be saved?**

“Wicked people eat up my people like bread,” God says,  
“and don’t bother turning in my direction.”

They shake because they’re afraid.

## **When will God's people be saved?**

God is on the side of the good people  
and the evil people know it.

They try to mess up the plans of those who follow God;  
but God is where good people hide and find shelter.

## **When will God's people be saved?**

When God restores the fortunes of his people,  
I know that Jacob will rejoice.

And Israel will be delighted.

## **When will God's people be saved?**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**NT READING - Ephesians 3:14-21**

**GOSPEL - John 6:1-14**

## **SERMON**

 **HYMN - #130**

**God Will Take Care of You**

**CONFESSION & PARDON - UMH12**

**PEACE & OFFERING**

 **DOXOLOGY - #95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>4</sup>**

**Faithful, generous, abiding God, we give you thanks  
for the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.  
May the taste of this meal linger so that we will be  
strengthened in our journey. Give us courage to hear  
what may seem harsh so that we can find a deeper  
relationship with you. To your glory, amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **CHARGE & BLESSING<sup>5</sup>**

Share the bread of life with all whom you meet;  
let the Spirit of life strengthen your whole being;  
and be open to the transforming of your soul  
by the fullness of God.

God feed you with open hands,  
protect you with mighty arms,  
heal you with gentle fingers.

Go in peace.

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## Question for Reflection<sup>6</sup>

How does Christ feed you today?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Praise to you, O God most holy, Uncreated Light.

I am thankful that in you there is no night.

Let my morning prayer rise to you  
as blooming flowers turn to meet the sun.

May I meet the adventure of this day  
open to the opportunities you give me  
to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

May I be so filled with the Holy Spirit  
that peace and compassion radiate from me  
to bless others so that they are touched by your glory.

Enrich my senses with the beauty of your world,  
my mind with wonder at your ways,  
and my spirit with gratitude for all  
that you prepare for the redemption of creation  
through Jesus Christ the Son.

Pierce my heart with love,  
especially for those in any kind of need,  
so that I am moved to help where I can  
and moved to cry out for help  
if the need is greater than I can answer.  
Spare others the consequences of my sin,  
and help me to be reconciled  
with those I have harmed in the past.

Make me slow to anger, quick to forgive,  
and quicker still to confess my faults.

In all things, let me trust in you.

Let me finish the day as I begin it,

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in your care—  
in your gentle, merciful, loving hands,  
beloved and blessed triune God,  
whom I would worship and adore  
now and forever. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Holy triune God,  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
Thank you for the love you have shown me today.  
The gifts of air, water, food, and clothing; the gifts of human and  
nonhuman companionship and community; the gift of the Spirit  
around me and Christ within me: all these gifts call for my deepest,  
highest praise to you.  
Forgive me for the times today when I have failed to follow your  
guidance, submit to your rule, or glory in your majesty.  
Grant healing and peace to any whom I have harmed today; let them  
not suffer because of my sins.  
Let us enter the night together, giving praise for your mercy and  
kindness.  
Grant that we will journey into night, led by your eternal Light, and  
that we may gain comfort, rest, and renewal, rising to a new day  
giving you thanks and praise until you bring resurrection to all  
creation. Amen.

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  
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