



Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER²

Holy Trinity, yours is the justice
that calls power to account.

Yours is the love
that calls sinners to repent.

Yours is the mercy
that forgives us and grants us eternal life.

Lead us in the truth about the Beloved, and set us free to
rejoice with all our might over the great mystery you
have revealed: that you are bringing all things into
harmony through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

 HYMN

Ⓑ **All Glory, Laud, and Honor #280**

Ⓜ **Part of the Family**

PSALM³ - Psalm 24

The earth belongs to God, along with everything on it.
Every person, every animal, every plant.

God made the seas and put the rivers in their banks.

Who is full of glory? The Lord our God, that's who.

So, who are we to think we can go to God's house?

Who are we to talk to God's face?

We have clean hands and pure hearts, and we tell the truth.

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³ *God's Word, My Voice, A Lectionary for Children*, Lynn Zill Briggs

That's who can spend time with God.

Who is full of glory? The Lord our God, that's who.

God will bless us.

Open up your gates.

Break down the doors.

Here comes God.

You ask, who is full of glory? The Lord our God, that's who.

Open up your gates. Break down the doors.

Our God is full of glory.

Again you ask, who is it again?

Who is full of glory? The Lord our God is full of glory.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the living God,
seal in us your Word of truth,
the gospel of salvation,
so that we can faithfully follow
and joyfully serve
our Lord Jesus Christ,
for it is in his name that we pray. **Amen.**

NT READING - Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL - Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

HYMN - #369

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 369

CONFESSION & PARDON - UMH12

HOLY COMMUNION - UMH13 or UMH17

HYMN

Ⓜ Blind Man

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING

May the Holy Trinity fill you with joy,
surround you with peace,
and lead you to eternal life.

Go in peace.

Question for Reflection

The lectionary readings suggest comparing the exuberant dancing and merrymaking of David to Paul's enthusiastic description of the Christian's calling, while contrasting these to the deathly revelries of Herod's court. How do you know which present-day occasions to celebrate with all your might and which to speak out against?

Household Prayer: Morning

Creator of light,
I greet you as the morning dawns.
Thank you for this new day.
May it be for me a sign
and an anticipation of your coming kingdom.
Fill me with the energy I will need

to love all whom I meet today.
I pray that I harm no one
and that I may have the mind of Christ
as I live in the world he came to save.
Receive my body, mind, and spirit
as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving
for the love you show me in Jesus Christ.
And where my wholeness is broken
by sin or sickness or the weight of the day,
let me seek you in repentance,
reach out to you for healing,
and lay my burdens before your throne of grace.
When the time for rest comes,
let me find my repose in you,
my comfort in life
and my hope of life everlasting,
through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God,
where I am now
the earth is turning away from the sun
so that for other parts of the world,
the day is just beginning.
Thank you for abiding with us
through the day and through the night.
As I gather up thoughts of the hours just past
and reflect on what, if anything, they mean,
guide my meditations.
There were times when you used me
to love someone with Christ's love,
to encourage someone with a word from the Spirit,
to comfort someone with your tender touch,

to challenge someone with your mighty arm.
Let me not be proud, arrogant, or boastful.
Let me rejoice in your goodness and mercy.
I have sinned against you and others this day.
I am sorry.
By your Spirit, help me to turn away from my sins.
Forgive me through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Let me go to my rest this night in peace,
trusting not in my own goodness,
but rejoicing in your glory.
If it is your will,
let me rise to a new day,
giving thanks and praise to you,
the triune God, now and forever. 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 8161, rob@methodist.cc).