



## Bellflower UMC

November 14, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

## GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

God is good, **all the time.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

## OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

Our souls are poured out before you, O God, as we look for more in life than contentment with family, friends, and possessions. We thank you, dear Lord, for all of your blessings. Yet, in our souls, we long to be a blessing to others on your behalf.

As Abraham was a blessing to many nations,  
As Hannah longed for something in her life to offer back to God,

**We long to make a difference in this world for you.**

Open our eyes, good Lord,  
**to whatever you have already entrusted  
for the good of your people.**

Open our ears, Lord,  
**to intersections  
between human need and heart's desire.**

Open our hearts, Lord,  
**to recognize and nurture new gifts,**

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<sup>1</sup> Malnazar (1637 - 1638). *Hannah before Eli the High Priest.*

<sup>2</sup><https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/21st-century-worship-resources-for-pentecost-25b>

**to consider unique possibilities,  
dawning on the horizon.**


Our souls are poured out before you, O God.

**Let your servants find favor in your sight. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE - 1 Samuel 2:1-10**

 **HYMN - Rock of Ages #361**

**SCRIPTURE - 1 Samuel 1:4-20**

 **HYMN - O God, Our Help in Ages Past #117**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**SCRIPTURE - Hebrews 10:11-25**

**GOSPEL - Mark 13:1-8**

**SERMON**

 **HYMN - Give Thanks #2036**

**CONFESSION & PARDON**

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not prayed as we ought.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not prayed for your will,**

**we have not prayed for your forgiveness,**

**we have not prayed for repentance,**

**we have not prayed for our neighbors,**

**and we have not prayed**

**for the needy who cry out to you.**

**Forgive us, we now pray. Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: “the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”<sup>3</sup>

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

## OFFERING & PEACE

 DOXOLOGY - #95

## HOLY COMMUNION

## POSTLUDE

## CHARGE & BLESSING<sup>4</sup>

Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.

Go in peace.

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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 (309-722-1500, [rob@methodist.cc](mailto:rob@methodist.cc)).

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<sup>3</sup> Romans 8:26-27, NRSV

<sup>4</sup> 1 Samuel 1:17, NRSV