



*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

Bellflower UMC

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GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CALL TO WORSHIP²

The Lord calls to us to go into the world—

People: We will go!

God commands us speak as God commands—

People: We will speak!

God assures us, “Do not be afraid”—

We trust that God will deliver us! Amen.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

OPENING PRAYER³



In you alone we put our hope,

God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,

who gives all good things, seen and unseen.

In you alone we put our hope.

In you alone we put our hope,

God the Son, Savior and Redeemer,

who died for our sins and rose again.

In you alone we put our hope.

In you alone we put our hope,

God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,

who moves us to sing “He is LORD!”

¹ Cover photo public domain, <https://pxhere.com/en/photo/1535441> ; Cover text Jeremiah 1 (NRSV)

² Uncredited. [https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper 16 C](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper+16+C)

³ John Birch. <http://www.faithandworship.com> (Modified)

In you alone we put our hope. Amen.

HYMN



133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

PSALM



Psalms 71:1-6 (UMH 794)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



LORD'S PRAYER - #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON



Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

HYMN



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OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95



CONFESSION

Holy God,

You have created us with purpose.

**You have given each of us gifts and talents that we
might use to bring forth your kingdom to this earth!**

We confess that we selfishly use our gifts for personal
gain, forgetting that they, too, are a means of tithing.

You have bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to
help your children across the world—the poor, the
orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the oppressed.

**How beautiful a gift you have given us! Forgive us
when we forget to share it.**

As you did for the prophet Jeremiah, put your hand to our
mouths, our hands, our feet, our minds... all the

different parts of us so that we may speak, act, write, teach, comfort, and share your good news!

May our magnificently different voices carry the incredible message of your love, redemption, and grace.

We are called to be prophets! Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem,

so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.

Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE & CANDLES



Go Now In Peace

Next Sunday: Psalm 8:1,10-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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⁴ Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey, Rev. Susan A. Blain "O Merciful God: God of Wisdom: Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent," United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>