



Bellflower UMC

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER



Oh God, we sing aloud to you.

May your joy in hearing our song become our joy in singing.

We pray aloud to you.

May your promise in hearing our prayer become our faith in praying.

We come together to glorify you.

May your love for each of us become our love for each other, for our neighbor, and for the stranger. 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. (*repeat*)

OPENING HYMN



140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PSALM



Psalm 81:1-10 (UMH 803)

HYMN



144. This Is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

HYMN



When You Show Up at a Dinner

(tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

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CHILDREN'S SERMON
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
LORD'S PRAYER - #895
SCRIPTURE LESSON



Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON² - #12



God of Life, we confess that we have gone after worthless trinkets, often losing our own worth in our materialistic desires.

Instead of claiming our true identity as Children of God, we define ourselves by other titles.

We are more than our jobs, our families, our stuff, our lack of stuff.

We are more than our hair, our size, our skin, or even our age.

While these things inform who we are, they are not what ultimately defines us.

You define us.

You are the God of Life, the true Living Water.

Our own vessels can never quench the thirst we have for your Living Water.

We try to drink from our own cisterns, cracked as they are.

May we embrace what it means to partake of water that lives and moves, not limiting ourselves to lives of stagnancy like water in a jar.

God of Life, keep flowing around us, that we may float in your Living Water!

Amen.

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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

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go humble yourself before others, so that they would be exalted to the glory of God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.


Amen.

POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace



Next Sunday:

 Carolyn Paullin will preach.

Bellflower UMC spreads God's love within our church family and throughout our communities and world using our prayers, our gifts and our service; thus to become a shelter of love and a community of compassion..

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