Bellflower UMC

Aug 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPENING PRAYER
PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING¹
Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me. (2x)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE CALL TO WORSHIP²

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts;

Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!

Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;

Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!

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² excerpted from a longer prayer posted on the Oratio Contemplativa website. http://oratiocontemplativa.wordpress.com/2013/06/15/prayers-for-proper-25-ye ar-c-rcl-closest-to-october-26/

We have found a home in your presence, Our King and Our God;

Happy are we who dwell in your house and are ever praising you!

Who is like our God, the One who strengthens his people, the One who reveals himself to all who seek after him? **This is our God, the Holy One.**

Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

Happy are we who dwell in God's house and are ever praising God!

HYMNS

710. Faith of Our Fathers

PSALM Psalm 84

150th TESTIMONY

HYMN 🎶

328. Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE 🎶

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:2a, 14-18

GOSPEL John 6:56-69

³ "Do you want to leave me too?" Jesus asks. He does not water down his words or change them. "Whoever eats my flesh will live forever."

> Where would we go, Jesus? Who has life and words like yours?

If you can create a universe from nothing; if you can invent a wheat field, then we believe that you can come to us as bread.

Holy One of God,
come nourish us, be with us and sustain us,
or we will not have the strength.
Our journey will be
too hard

DISCUSSION
APOSTLES CREED
SHARING THE PEACE
OFFERING
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³ written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on Saint Louis University's The Center for Liturgy web site. http://liturgy.slu.edu/

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

Choose this day whom you will serve. Will you serve the God who creates us, saves us, and gives us hope? Or will you serve the gods of this culture? Will you love others, or will you love only yourself? The choice is yours.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Go in peace.

CANDLES

Go Now In Peace

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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