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JESUS CHRIST
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 Advocate Great I Am Unchangeable
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Bellflower UMC

January 1, 2023

Holy Name of Jesus

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER²

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we gather here
this first day of the New Year, in a mixture of hope,
anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation.

We do not know what the year holds for us.

**There are things we are afraid of: worries about health
and family, job security and finances.**

**There is much to look forward to—weddings or
anniversaries or baptisms, holidays to enjoy, friends
to laugh with.**

Lord God, the coming year is full of uncertainty and hope.
Whatever the year holds for us, though, we trust You, and
we place every day of this year in your care knowing
that, as in the past, You are with us, caring for us with
constant love.

**And so Lord, we place ourselves into your keeping and
dedicate our lives to your service through Jesus
Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.**

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord! (2x)

HYMN 

219. What Child Is This

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-11

HYMN 

254. We Three Kings

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² Written by Rev. Ian Elston, and posted on the Church of Scotland's *Starters for Sunday* website.

CALL TO WORSHIP³

O magnify the Lord with me

Ps 34:3 NRSV

Let us exalt his name together

Some trust in chariots and some in horses Ps 20:7 NIV

We trust in the name of the Lord our God

Praise the name of the Lord

Ps 148:13 NRSV

For his name alone is exalted

His glory is above earth and heaven

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Ps 8:1 NIV

Praise the Lord!

Ps 113:1 CEB

You who serve the Lord — praise!

Praise the Lord's name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Ps 113:2-3 NRSV

From this time on and forevermore

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The name of the Lord is to be praised

CHANGE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 6:22-27

PSALM

Psalms 8

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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<https://revlisad.com/2016/04/08/call-to-worship-gods-glorious-name/>

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE 🎵🎵

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:21

HYMN 🎵🎵

154. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 🎵🎵

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #13

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks
for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHARGE & BLESSING

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.

As Christians, carry the name of Christ into the world, be
blessed, and be a blessing to others.

POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

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