



## Bellflower UMC

July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE<sup>1</sup> & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

**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)**

CALL TO WORSHIP 828. Psalm 105:1-11

HYMN 🎵 77. How Great Thou Art  
572. Pass It On (It Only Takes a Spark)

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## SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39

## DISCUSSION & CURRENT EVENTS

*What does “helps us in our weakness” mean? Did you ever thank God during times of distress?*

*Has the Holy Spirit ever interceded for you? Has he ever failed to intercede? Why do good things happen? Why do bad things happen?*

*8:29-30 - Does that mean that we cannot choose?*

*8:37 - Are you able to address all of the struggles of your life? Is God?*

*8:38-39 Is the list of troubles complete? What would you add?*

*How did God work through VBS this week? How did the Holy Spirit help the children in their weakness? How did he intercede?*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER - #895

## RESPONSE 🎵🎵

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

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

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## SERMON

## OFFERING & PEACE

## DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God for all that love has done;**

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

Always remember:

- God is for us. Who can be against us?
- God did not withhold his own son, from whose love we can never be separated.
- The Holy Spirit turns our weakness into God's glory.

May God keep you in your strength and in your weakness.

May the Spirit fill your soul with joy.

May Jesus Christ fill your heart with love.

## POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace

### Week 31 Reading Plan

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Isaiah 59-63	Isaiah 64-66	2 Kings 20-21	2Chron 32-33	Nahum 1-3	2 Kings 22-23 2Chron 34-35	Zepha niah 1-3

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