

Bellflower UMC

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

GREETINGS¹ ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES OPENING PRAYER²

God of all creation,
God of mercy, love and power,
we have come to praise you today.
God, cleanse our hearts.
Cleanse our hearts!
Come, Holy Spirit,
and fill us for your glory;
for you, O God, are One and holy!

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Amen.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING³ 🎶

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)

SCRIPTURE

James 2:14-17 (NIV)

HYMN 🎶

verses 64.1, 65.1, 64.4

64. Holy, Holy! and 65. ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV)

HYMN 🎶

618. Let Us Break Bread Together

DISCUSSION

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.

CONFESSION & PARDON⁴

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him.

Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin.

Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

Lord, help our unbelief.

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

Cleanse us, Lord.

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We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.

We ignore your call to center our lives in you, we fail to care for the earth, and we ignore the hopes and cries of people we encounter every day and people far from us who are poor, sick, or immigrants, or prisoners.

Ground us, Lord!

Silence

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God!

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body, the worldwide body of Christ that gathers this day at his table. Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you! **And also with you.**

PEACE & OFFERING
OFFERING & PEACE
DOXOLOGY - #95
GREAT THANKSGIVING
HOLY COMMUNION
HYMN
2223. We Are One In the Spirit

SENDING FORTH

We are one in Christ.

We are one with each other.

We are one in ministry.

May the God who gives us compassion, Christ who gives us unity, And the Spirit who gives us strength, Bless you so that you may be a blessing.

POSTLUDE 🎶

Go Now In Peace

Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Matt 1, Luke 2:1-38	Luke	3,	Matt 4, John 1:15-51, Luke 4-5	John 2-4	Mark 2	John 5

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