

Bellflower UMC

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# GREETINGS1 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES **OPENING PRAYER** PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above With wisdom, power, and love Our God is an awesome God

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Love your neighbor as yourself,

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Do this and you will live!

Let us worship God!

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 7:7-17

#### HYMN

577. God of Grace and God of Glory

#### **PSALM**

Psalm 82 (UMH 804)

#### **HYMN**

441. What Does the Lord Require

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

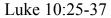




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#### SCRIPTURE LESSON



### **SERMON**

## CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>3</sup>



The psalmist asks a question: how long?

How long will we live unjustly and show partiality, instead of loving as God has loved us?

Trusting in that love, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord.

## Holy God,

we are your sons and daughters, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us.

We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers.

We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.

We do not commit to efforts to rescue

the weak and the needy;

We sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect.

Rise up to judge us, O God.

We prefer your merciful justice,

than living with guilt and fear.

Straighten our path,

so that we can be guided

as a mother or a father guides beloved children.

#### Amen.

The triune God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions, but loves in such a way, that we are restored to health and to wholeness.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

DOXOLOGY - #95
OFFERING & PEACE
HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
POSTLUDE & CANDLES







Go Now In Peace

#### BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>

Go and bear fruit! Go and do!

Live a life that is worthy of the Lord.

Give joyful thanks to God

through loving your neighbor, through doing justice, through speaking out, and through defending those who are weak and oppressed.

May God fill you with the knowledge of God's will.

May Jesus Christ, who has rescued you, give you constant faith to speak the true word of the gospel.

And may the Holy Spirit guide you in wisdom and understanding, so that the world can flower with the love of God.

## Next Sunday:

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42 Victory in Jesus; Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.