

THEN JESUS TOLD THEM A PARABLE ABOUT
THEIR NEED TO PRAY ALWAYS AND NOT TO
LOSE HEART.
LUKE 18:1-8 (NRSV)



Bellflower UMC

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GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER²



Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey;

Let them be our daily meditation and our study.

Give us ears to hear;

We marvel at your instruction.

Train us in righteousness;

Grant us patience and persistence.

Equip us for every good work.

Inspire our faith;

Give us voices to proclaim your message.

Guide our feet;

Keep us from every false way.

You alone speak the words of life. Amen.

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP³

We gather here to worship seeking a focus for our being.

God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.

We gather here to worship, though we feel drawn in too many directions, overwhelmed with too many tasks, chasing after something we can't quite name.

God calls us to worship leaning into the Spirit of Truth

¹ Cover art by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com.

² Bill Hoppe, Ministry Matters, Worship Elements October 20, 2019, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4291/worship-elements-october-20-2019>.

³ Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, March 2022

We gather here to worship, wondering and hoping,
doubting and uncertain, frustrated and afraid. But we are
here.

**God calls us to worship with our whole selves. We are
here; let us worship with joy.**

HYMN



382. Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

601. Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

PSALM



Psalm 119:97-104

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.
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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON



2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

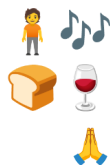


OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

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

POSTLUDE



Go in peace.

**I WILL PUT MY LAW WITHIN THEM, AND I
WILL WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS; AND
I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL
BE MY PEOPLE. JEREMIAH 37 (NRSV)**

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