



Bellflower UMC

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & 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 WORSHIP²

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord,

who listens when we cry out,

who rescues us when we call,

and who leads and guides us

according to his unfailing love.

You are our God; **our lives are in your hands.**

Let's worship God together! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:2-10

HYMN 

545. The Church's One Foundation

361. Rock of Ages

PSALM

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

HYMN 

368. My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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² Written by Christine Longhurst, posted at

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-for-easter-5.html>

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.**

RESPONSE

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

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14

Acts 7:55-60

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.**

SENDING FORTH³

As you go forth into the world, remember: you are a living stone. In everything you do, you can embody and enact worship. So, living stones, how will you partner with God to build the kingdom of heaven today and every day?

POSTLUDE

Bellflower UMC spreads God's love within our church family and throughout our communities and world using our prayers, our gifts and our service; thus to become a shelter of love and a community of compassion..

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