

Bellflower UMC

GREETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎶

63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 149

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

We praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Praise the Lord! Praise his name with dancing.

We praise God with tambourine and lyre.

Praise the Lord! Exult in God's glory.

We praise God standing or sitting, working or resting.

God glorifies all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

HYMN 🎶

711. For All the Saints

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you:

Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses, wherever your name was lifted and adored.

Thank you, God, for hands lifted in praise:

Manicured hands

and hands stained with grease or soil,

Strong hands and those gnarled with age,

Holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

Thank you, God, for hardworking saints:

Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,

Head ragged or aproned, Blue-collared or three-piece-suited They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. Amen.

HYMN 🎶

707. Hymn of Promise

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Response **!!**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON

For the peace and unity of the saints, trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

God of the covenant,
who calls all people to reconciliation,
you have made us
members of the very body of Christ;
Yet we persist in wounding that body
with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect.

Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace.

For the sake of Jesus Christ

and the world he came to save; Amen.

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins. Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all your sins.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God! Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 🎶

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

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.

HYMN 101. When We All Get to Heaven CHARGE & BLESSING1

For those

who walked with us, this is a prayer.

For those

who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.

For those

who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving.

For those

who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction.

For all the saints, those in this world and the next, go in peace.

POSTLUDE 🎶

Go Now In Peace

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Questions for Reflection²

The writer of Second Thessalonians "boast[s] of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring." How do Christians remain steadfast and faithful in the face of suffering? What sustains your hope, and how might you share that hope?

Household Prayer: Morning

With the morning light my hope is renewed, and all my trust is in you, O God.

Lead me where you would have me go, and show me what you would have me do, to display your vision for the world to be and, as far as I am able, to live in accordance with your coming reign.

In the name of Jesus Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

The night is a gift from you, O God, a time of repose for the weary. Forgive any unfaithfulness in me, and grant me peace, that I may rest wholly in you. Amen.

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 12; Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19 Soon and Very Soon; I'll Fly Away; I Will Trust in the Lord

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² Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2 © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press