



Bellflower UMC

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

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 WORSHIP²



God is good and loving to the faithful.
Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.
God is good, **All the time!**
And, all the time, **God is Good! Praise the Lord!**

PSALM



Psalm 52

HYMN



370. Victory in Jesus
399. Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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.**

¹ Cover art: Harold Copping. *Jesus at the house of Mary and Martha*. 1927

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**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.**

DOXOLOGY



SCRIPTURE LESSON



Colossians 1:15-28. Respond, as directed, *He is Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God.*

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON³



We live with this reality: God never forgets what we have done but, in mercy, forgives those whose hearts are full of repentance. Let us confess those things that break our relationship with God, assured that God will never break relationship with us.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha.

**We get distracted in our routines,
so busy with our daily chores
that we forget to take the time
to stop and breathe,
to look up and to notice the creation you have given
and the way it speaks about your love and passion
for your people.**

**We do not take time to listen for your words,
while reading the Bible,
while listening to music,**

³ Ibid.

**while talking to friends,
and we become worried and upset about many things.**

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary.
**We devote our time to looking up,
thinking that everything we are commanded to do
is to love God, and we forget
to serve our neighbor,
and to commit our time to
the concrete work of the church,
forgetting to get our hands dirty.**

God of balance, help us:
**forgive us when we do not know
when to be workers
and when to be hearers.
In your mercy, heal our worries
and our judgments,
so that we can, indeed,
keep the best part.
In the name of our loving Master. Amen.**

Before, because of your evil thoughts and actions, you
were strangers and enemies of God.

Now, you have been reconciled to God by the death and
resurrection of Christ.

Now, you can live in peace, restored by the blood shed on
the cross.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

**OFFERING & PEACE
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.**

BENEDICTION⁴

Go out into the world proclaiming Christ in every corner,
admonishing and teaching with all wisdom, so that
everyone can comprehend fully the presence and witness
of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

POSTLUDE & CANDLES



Go Now In Peace

⁴ Ibid.

*Question for Reflection*⁵

How do you balance studying the Word and fostering a relationship with God while also serving others?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, we have too many things to do today!

Help us to see you in everything we do, in everything we say.

Help us to take a deep breath and to remember that the Holy Spirit is inside us, with us, around us.

Help us to pause and drink a glass of water, and to remember our baptism, and the covenant you have established, making us your children.

Help us to study your Word, and not to think just of the past, but also of how you act in the present.

And help us to work for and with our brothers and sisters, giving kindness, sharing hope, and living out the faith you have given us.

Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Today, O Lord, we have sat at your feet and listened to your words.

We have been empowered by your teachings.

What should we do with all this life that you have provided?

We will go out into the world, after a restful night,

and serve,

and smile,

and love,

and work,

and play,

and forgive,

and shout out,

and sing, . . .

doing everything in your name! Amen.

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Next Sunday:



Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13



O God, Our Help in Ages Past; Sweet Hour of Prayer

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