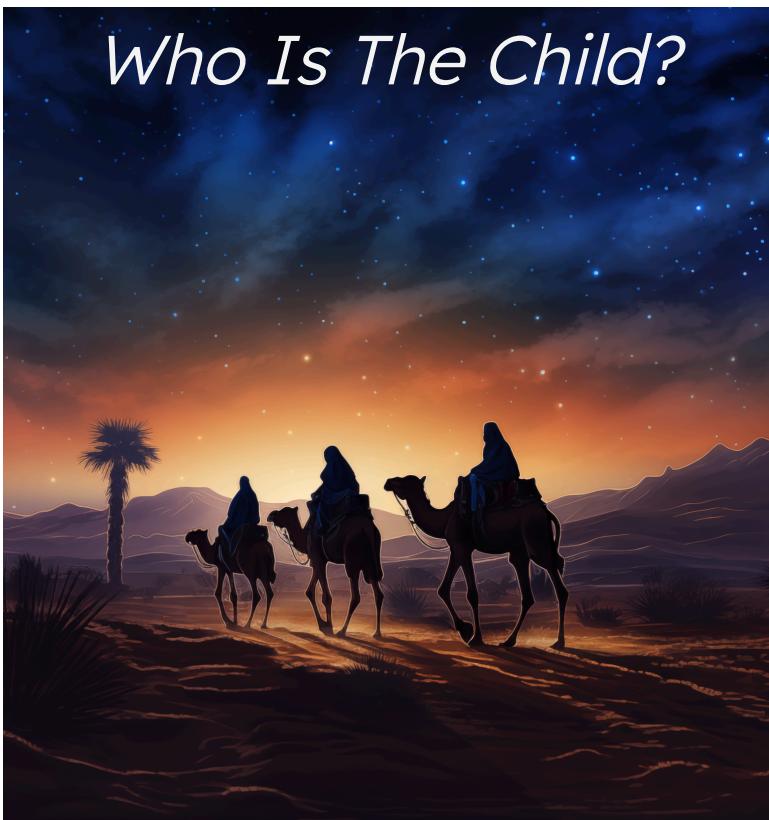


Sermon Series: *Who Are You?*

Who Is The Child?



Bellflower UMC

January 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord

GREETINGS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
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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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.

The light is named

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before you as they rejoice at harvest time and as they rejoice when dividing spoils.

Their joy is named

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

For a child is born for us, a son is given to us, and the government is on his shoulders.

The Son is named

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN ♫

254. We Three Kings

¹ Isaiah 9:1-3 (CSB), adapted.

² ↑ = Please stand as you are able.

When Mary Hugged Her Newborn Son

DISCUSSION

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

RESPONSE ♪♪

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

CONFESSON & PARDON

Christ Jesus, Son of God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

You are our king, but
we have not done your will,
we have broken your law.

You are our God, but
we have failed to be an obedient church.
We lean on our own understanding, and
we do not trust you with our whole heart.

You sacrificed yourself for our sake, but
we have rebelled against your love.
We do not give ourselves for others,
we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, to you,
King, God, and Sacrifice. Amen

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 ♫♪

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #12

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

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 FORTH

Never forget who you are and whose you are.

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

POSTLUDE ♫♪

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