

***Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to God
and praise His name.***

Psalms 100 v 4



Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can,
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We thank God that, in Christ,
our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter,
are in God's heart and hands.**

 HYMN - #102

Now Thank We All Our God - #102

For the Beauty of the Earth - #92

PSALM³ - Psalm 111

Hallelujah. I'm going to thank God with everything I have
and everything I am, right here in the middle of this
congregation. God has done really great things! You
would do well to pay attention to them.

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² Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>.

³ *God's Word, My Voice, A Lectionary for Children*, Lynn Zill Briggs

God's works are full of majesty and splendor and power
and God's goodness never ends.

Knowing God is the beginning of wisdom.

God, you are full of compassion and grace.

You give food to those who follow you.

You never forget your promises.

You show your people your power, by giving them the
land they live in.

Knowing God is the beginning of wisdom.

The things you do with your very own hands are full of
faithfulness and justice.

What you say is true.

The things you do will hold up because you do them in
truth and you are always fair.

Knowing God is the beginning of wisdom.

You have taken back your people for yourself.

Your promises go on forever.

Your name is holy and everything about you is awesome.

Knowing you is the beginning of wisdom,

and we all would be wise to act according to your ways.

Knowing God is the beginning of wisdom.

CHILDREN'S TIME

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

NT READING - Ephesians 5:15-20

GOSPEL - John 6:51-58

SERMON

 HYMN - #2036

Give Thanks

CONFESSION & PARDON - UMH12

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION - UMH13 or UMH17

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

The God of steadfast love feed you with the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ,

fill you with the Spirit,

and guide you with wisdom.

In the name of the Creator, and of the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit:

Go in peace.

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Question for Reflection⁵

“At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask what I should give you’” (1 Kgs. 3:5). If God said to you, “Ask what I should give you,” how would you respond?

Household Prayer: Morning

I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks for the gift of this new day. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Let your songs fill my heart. Give me a wise and discerning mind to walk in your way, making the most of the time as I go out among your people. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious and merciful God, I have gone out and come in today seeking to do your will, yet there is so much that I do not understand or discern. I commit to you my questions, concerns, and anxieties.

Grant me peaceful sleep as I rest in your wisdom and steadfast love. Amen.

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217 898 8161, rob@methodist.cc).

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