

# Bellflower Christian Church Bellflower UMC

November 20, 2022

Community Thanksgiving Worship

### **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! (2x)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown, rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

HYMN 🎶

#547. O Church of God, United

**PSALM** 

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

HYMN 🎶

#557. Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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.

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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 LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

HYMN 🎶

#131. We Gather Together

#### **SERMON**

**Kevin Lawrence** 

Thanksgiving 101

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

**OFFERING & PEACE** 

DOXOLOGY - #95 🎶

**GREAT THANKSGIVING - #13** 

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### CHARGE & BLESSING

God graces us with abundance and inspires

us to be grateful and generous.

Now, go into the world,

confident in the Lord's provision,

seeking those who are the stranger and providing for those who cannot repay you.

Amen.

## POSTLUDE 🎶

Go Now In Peace

Questions for Reflection<sup>2</sup>

How does your experience of the culture prevent you from fully embracing the call to serve with humility? How can you seek out the stranger in your community? When have you realized that you were doing God's work, only after the fact?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, in the freshness of the new day, help us to retain clarity of vision so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom rather than the honor of the world.

Sustain us throughout the day so that we might return filled by the grace of your spirit. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of compassion, help us to release the regrets of the day into your care. Refresh us in our sleep, that we may rise in the morning confident in your love and strengthened in our faith. Amen.

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