

Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God!



Give Thanks

PSALM - Psalm 138

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

NT READING - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

DOXOLOGY - #94 or #95

GOSPEL - Mark 3:20-35

SERMON

₩ HYMN #2225

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

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CONFESSION & PARDON

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us.

We believe and so we proclaim: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.



BLESSING

May the steadfast love of God give you hope, the redeeming power of Christ give you courage, the abiding presence of Spirit give you strength, as you serve the will of God this day and every day.

Go in peace.

Question for Reflection

What unseen assurances of God's eternal glory are given to you this week?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of the morning, awaken us to know that to be resurrected with Jesus means to die with Christ first. May we recognize you in every moment so that whatever we do, we do for your glory, through Jesus Christ, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, all through this day you have watched over me on the streets of my busy schedule, nourished me with blessings that I cannot count. And still your faithfulness does not sleep nor slumber, but continues even when the sun goes down. What a blessing to dwell in your presence! In your presence, I lay down today's burden and take rest. In your presence, may I rise to hear your voice. 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).