

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

But I Say

Glimpses of the Kin-dom Worship Series



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The United Methodist Church

Bellflower UMC

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

GREETINGS

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! (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One who leads us
in the ways of life.**

HYMN 🎵

601. Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

HYMN 🎵

467. Trust and Obey (When We Walk with the Lord)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

¹ *Ministry Matters*,

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4670/worship-elements-february-12-2023-option-1>

SERMON

Matthew 5:21-37

OFFERING & PEACE

Matthew 5:23-24

DOXOLOGY - #95

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace

Questions for Reflection²

Today's readings speak of blessings and curses, life and death, good relationships and those that are broken. Moreover, the texts suggest that we have a choice in these matters.

Where do you find life, and where do you not—and what role do your choices play? Where have you experienced broken relationships in your own life or in the church? How do Christ and the reign of heaven enable us to move beyond brokenness and live in mutual support?

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Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, I greet this day with thanks
and the determination to choose the good. Help me to
walk with you in blessing. Let my “yes” be yes, and my
“no” be no, as I share the light of Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus, it is night, and night is for sleeping;
yet, my mind is racing fast.
I give thanks for the blessings this day,
and then I worry—there is so much left undone.
But you are with me!
You calm my anxiety, fill me with peace,
and help me choose the way of rest. Amen.

Next Sunday:

 Micah 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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