



SATURDAY

8 Days Until Easter

THE OTHER DAYS:

"LAZARUS, COME OUT!"

Bellflower UMC

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

207. **Prepare the Way of the Lord.**

Prepare the way of the Lord,

and all people will see the salvation of our God. (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross,

**We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal
and fear, but also trust in God, and love for
humanity.**

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross,
we strive to follow Christ's example:

**To admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,
to trust in God and to love humanity.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN 🎵 154. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

HEBREW READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM

848. Psalm 130

HYMN 🎵

474. Precious Lord, Take My Hand

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE 🎵

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

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¹ Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*. Used with permission. Adapted.

**Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 11, selected verses

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON² - #12

You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross
and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones

bring freedom to these lives

that we might declare

with heart and soul and voice

that you are our Lord and our God. Amen

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH³

Come out! Jesus commands,

² written by John Birch, and posted on *Faith and Worship*.
<http://www.faithandworship.com/>

³ from *Come Out! On the Breath of God, Service Prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent*, written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

**And calls us from the tombs of our existence into the
brightness of a new day.**

Come out! Jesus cries,

And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

Come out! Jesus calls,

**And entices us into a world filled with grace and
possibility.**

So: Go out!

Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

Go out!

**Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on
our lips and in our loving arms.**

Go out!

Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

Go out: and go on the breath of God's holy wind!

POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

Go Now In Peace

Week 9 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Numbers 7	Num 8-10	Num 11-13	Num 14-15 Ps 90	Num 16-17	Num 18-20	Num 21-22

Next Sunday: *The Other Days: Turning the Tables*

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