



## Bellflower UMC

October 31, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

We are people of God, created to love

**We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind,  
and strength.**

We are people of God, determined to love.

**We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would  
be treated.**

We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain  
popularity or favor.

**We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable  
because love imitates God's nature.**

**For the whole law is summed up in a single  
commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself".**

PSALM - Psalm 146

 HYMN - UMH#368

**My Hope is Built**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

GOSPEL - Mark 12:28-34

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<sup>2</sup> Safiyah Fosua, *Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Valerie Bridgeman  
Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 73.

OT READING - Ruth 1:1-18

SERMON

 HYMN

**The Family of God**

CONFESSION & PARDON - UMH12

OFFERING & PEACE

 DOXOLOGY - #95

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING

Love your family, and never tire of inviting those who  
love you into your family.

And may you always know that

God is our Parent,

Jesus our Salvation,

And the Holy Spirit our home,

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace!

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## The Family Of God<sup>3</sup>

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family, The Family of God.*

You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here,  
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near;  
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,  
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

*I'm so glad I'm a part ...*

From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King,  
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;  
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,  
I'm not worthy to be here, but praise God I belong!

*I'm so glad I'm a part ...*

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 (309-722-1500, [rob@methodist.cc](mailto:rob@methodist.cc)).

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