



O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, CALL ON HIS NAME,  
 MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLES.  
 SING TO HIM, SING PRAISES TO HIM;  
 TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.

GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME,  
 LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE  
 WHO SEEK THE LORD REJOICE.

1 CHRONICLES 16, NRSV

Bellflower UMC

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# GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>



We give praise to you, O God,

**for you are awesome and amazing.**

We remember your deeds and faithfulness—

**deeds that have brought us to this day,  
faithfulness that has helped us weather life's storms.**

We have gone through fire and water,

**and stand before you today in gratitude and praise.**

**How awesome are your deeds, O God! Amen.**

## PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING



**63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord! (2x)**

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>3</sup>

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**Where we need healing, make us whole!**

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**Where we are isolated and excluded, bring us near!**

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**Where we are chained, break our bonds!**

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

**Where we are dying, bring us back to life!**

## HYMN



89. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

2036. Give Thanks

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<sup>1</sup> Cover art by John Stuart, [www.stushieart.com](http://www.stushieart.com).

<sup>2</sup> Rebecca Gaudino, Ministry Matters, Worship Elements October 13, 2019, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4265/worship-elements-october-13-2019>.

<sup>3</sup> Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries

# PSALM



790. Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)

# HYMN



2040. Awesome God

# 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.**

**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.**

# SCRIPTURE LESSON



Luke 17:11-19

# SERMON

# CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>4</sup>



**Gracious God, like many believers before us, we  
complain when things do not go our way. We want  
abundance of everything rather than what is  
sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere  
than where we are at the moment. We would rather  
have the gifts You give to others than what You**

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<sup>4</sup> David C. McCasland.

<https://odb.org/US/2009/11/26/confession-and-thanksgiving>

**provide for us. We would rather have You serve us than serve You. Forgive our lack of gratitude for what You give.”**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## OFFERING & PEACE

## DOXOLOGY - #95

## HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks  
for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

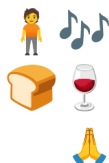
## CHARGE & BLESSING

Go forth in gratitude.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

Go Now In Peace

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## Questions for Reflection<sup>5</sup>

In both the reading from Jeremiah [Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7] and the reading from Luke [Luke 17:11–19], God is at work not only among the chosen people of Israel, but also among those considered enemies of Israel. God tells Israel to make its home among the Babylonians while in exile, seeking the welfare of the city to which they have been sent. Jesus heals a “double-outcast,” a man who is a Samaritan and a leper. Is there someone in your own life whom you feel is an “enemy” to you—or someone you would rather not be associated with for some reason? Who are enemies in a larger sphere (national, political, or social)?

How can you “seek their welfare”? How may you, in faith, reach out to such a one?

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

God of endings,  
of packing up  
decisions of keeping and leaving  
of saying goodbye  
the practice of closing and tidying  
of moving  
the finality of distance between  
of newness,  
the lonely silence of emptiness.

Grant me  
the strength to start over.  
Amen.

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<sup>5</sup> Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2 ©  
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*Household Prayer: Evening*

Generous God,

a day of worship  
a day of rest  
a day in community  
a day to be blessed

a day for offering  
a day for welcoming  
a day of remembering  
a day of reckoning—

this is the day  
the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

Amen.

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FOR YOU. 1 THESSALONIANS 5 (NRSV)