



Bellflower & Mt Vernon UMC

June 20, 2021

Father's Day

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

The wind blew this week.

It knocked me off balance

Disrupted my deep days and

Commandeered my nights.

The wind blew this week.

It stole my finances

Battled my peace

And infected my health.

Did you hear how it howled?

Did you see the waste it left behind?

Speak to the wind

Rebuke the storm, LORD

Calm our souls

HYMN -  110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PSALM - Psalm 9:9-20

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

¹ Kachael J, Pentecost Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers 1, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.

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DOXOLOGY - 🎵🎵95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

NT READING - 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

GOSPEL - Mark 4:35-41

SERMON²

Loving God, when we are inclined to worry or panic,
speak with authority to us. Speak directly through Jesus
so that fears may be confronted and our faith reinstated.
Through him and in him let us spend our days and nights
with the courage and peace of those who know they are
being saved and sustained by an imperturbable grace.
And to you be the glory and praise; **Amen!**

HYMN - 🎵🎵377

It Is Well with My Soul

CONFESSION & PARDON - UMH12

TITHES & OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

CHARGE & BLESSING³

Put obstacles in no one's way,
but rejoice in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech,

² Prayer by Bruce Prewer, <http://www.bruceprewer.com>.

³ Based on 2 Corinthians 6:1-8. Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*, © 2011 Abingdon Press. Posted on the Worship Elements page of the *Ministry Matters* website.
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship>.

and the power of God.
Go in peace.

Question for Reflection⁴

When do you let fear overtake you? How might you relinquish that fear and trust in Jesus Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

Whether I wake to birdsong or sirens or the deep silence before dawn, I awake to your presence, most gracious God.

Enable me to trust completely in you
as I meet the challenges of this new day.

Make me watchful for your grace at work;
may all I do be a testament to your glory.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I give myself over to sleep, dear Lord,
I thank you for the gift of rest.

Let me relinquish the cares of the day.

Forgive the ways I have failed you.

Restore me to you and renew my faithfulness, that I may awake to
serve you more, for Jesus' sake. 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).

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