



Bellflower UMC

June 26, 2022

Third Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS¹
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!

CALL TO WORSHIP²

God is a God who calls.

We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.

God is a God who equips.

We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.

God is a God who sends.

We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.

God is a God who blesses.

We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.

Let us worship God.

Amen!

HYMN



2040. Awesome God

SCRIPTURE LESSON



2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

HYMN



402. Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Hold On

PSALM



Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



¹ Cover art by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com.

² Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber, Discipleship Ministries, 2021

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON



Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON³ - #12



**We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit,
but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.**

**We know the whole law is summed up
in the single commandment
to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside
and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.**

**Even in our own back yard we “bite and devour” one another.
We wish it were different.**

**When Jesus calls us to follow him,
we find every excuse to instead go home
or to the workplace to finish something more important first.
Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.**

Silent confession.....

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray.

We need but ask and we are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

HOLY COMMUNION



³ The Rev. Catherine Rolling. *Putting on the Mantle: Service Prayers for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost*. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

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 into the world, as faithful followers of Christ.
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

Go in peace.

Next Sunday:

9:30AM Community Church Service, Harden Field.
TBD

Bellflower UMC spreads God's love within our church family and throughout our communities and world using our prayers, our gifts and our service; thus to become a shelter of love and a community of compassion..

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