

Bellflower UMC

#### **ENTRANCE**

# GREETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>

Faithful Redeemer,

you are the beginning and ending of all things.

You promise to wipe away every tear,

that death and mourning will be no more.

You make your home among us,

and abide with us as our God.

Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people,

living and doing your will,

in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

# PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

701. When We All Get to Heaven

# PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

We come, seeking the face of God.

# **HYMN**

2282. I'll Fly Away

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Covert art: Elim Lutheran Church, <a href="https://www.elimpetaluma.org/">https://www.elimpetaluma.org/</a>. Opening prayer, call to worship, confession, and peace: *The Abingdon Worship Annual*, edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Copyright © Abingdon Press.

# **SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

### **PSALM**

755. Psalm 24

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,

(reading: Psalm 24:1-6 from #755)

How I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine ... O when they crown him Lord of all ...

#### CANDLE LIGHTING

Bob Collins, October 21, 1921 - November 1, 2023 Elma Voorheis, August 21, 1929 - Tuesday, May 7, 2024

GOSPEL John 11:32-44

**MESSAGE** 

### THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

#### INVITATION

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face. We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to

believe that you alone can make all things new.

Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life.

Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory.

Forgive our unbelief, O God.

Bring us back, and restore our trust in you.

The Holy One shows us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where everyone will live in peace and blessing. Trusting in God's promise to wipe away all our tears, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

#### PEACE & OFFERING

Rejoicing in the love of the one for whom we wait, let us exchange signs of Christ's peace:

May the peace of Christ be with you, today and always.

May the peace of Christ be with you, today and always.

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LORD'S PRAYER
HOLY COMMUNION

### CLOSING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave.

Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name;

through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

#### SENDING FORTH

#### **BLESSING**

"May God wipe every tear from your eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

#### COMMISSION

Go into the world, by the power of God's Spirit.

Tell the world that death is defeated

by the love of Jesus Christ.

Show the world that God abides with them.

Go in peace.

**CANDLES** 

Go Now In Peace

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

# **Every Day With Jesus**

| 2024-11-03 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | 2 Timothy      |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|            | 34:12–36:26            | 119:78–81            | 26:1–3               | 2:1–21         |
| 2024-11-04 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | 2 Timothy      |
|            | 36:27–38:28            | 119:82–88            | 26:4–6               | 2:22–3:17      |
| 2024-11-05 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | 2 Timothy      |
|            | 39:1–41:18             | 119:89–95            | 26:7–9               | 4:1–22         |
| 2024-11-06 | Jeremiah<br>42:1–44:14 | Psalm<br>119:96–100  | Proverbs<br>26:10–12 | Titus 1:1–2:8  |
| 2024-11-07 | Jeremiah<br>44:15–47:7 | Psalm<br>119:101–104 | Proverbs<br>26:13–16 | Titus 2:9–3:15 |
| 2024-11-08 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | Philemon       |
|            | 48:1–49:6              | 119:105–108          | 26:17–19             | 1–25           |
| 2024-11-09 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | Hebrews        |
|            | 49:7–50:23             | 119:109–112          | 26:20–23             | 1:1–2:9        |
| 2024-11-10 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | Hebrews        |
|            | 50:24–51:32            | 119:113–120          | 26:24–26             | 2:10–3:11      |
| 2024-11-11 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | Hebrews        |
|            | 51:33–52:16            | 119:121–128          | 26:27–28             | 3:12–4:13      |
| 2024-11-12 | Jeremiah               | Psalm                | Proverbs             | Hebrews        |
|            | 52:17–34               | 119:129–136          | 27:1–2               | 4:14–6:8       |
| 2024-11-13 | Lamentations           | Psalm                | Proverbs             | Hebrews        |
|            | 1:1–3:12               | 119:137–140          | 27:3–4               | 6:9–7:10       |

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