



Bellflower UMC

May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me (2x)

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

Sing praises to God most high.

From the sanctuary of heaven,

God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14

HYMN 

519. Lift Every Voice and Sing

HYMN 

Christ is Alive

PSALM

792. Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

SCRIPTURE

John 17:1-11

HYMN

474. Precious Lord, Take My Hand

SERMON

HYMN

349. Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

CONFESSION & PARDON³

Brother and sisters, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name.

**We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.**

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

Sisters and brothers,
the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.
OFFERING & PEACE
DOXOLOGY - #95 🎵
HOLY COMMUNION
SENDING FORTH⁴

Sisters and brothers, God loves and cares for each of us.
 Therefore, cast all anxiety on God, and keep alert, so that
 we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ, who
 supports and strengthens us in all things.

May the abundance of God bless you,
 the strength of Christ keep you,
 and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God,
 shine upon you forever.

POSTLUDE 🎵

Go Now In Peace

Week 21 Reading Plan:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Psalms 95, 97-99	2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicle s 21-22, Psalm 30	Psalms 108-110	1 Chron 23-25	Psalms 131, 138-139 , 143-145	1 Chron 26-29, Psalm 127	Psalms 111-118

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