



## Bellflower UMC

December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**The Lord is good and his love endures forever.**

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

**His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**The Lord is good and his love endures forever.**

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;**

**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

↑HYMN<sup>3</sup> 🎵

238. Angels We Have Heard on High

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:18-21

SERMON

James 1:2-5,12

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<sup>1</sup> The cover has been designed using an image from Flaticon.com

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Psalm 100 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> ↑ == Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 

Another Year is Dawning

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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.**

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

Go, love God in the new year,

Strengthened by Christ,

Being perfected by the Holy Spirit,

For the glory of the Father.

Amen

POSTLUDE 

**Go Now In Peace**

Go in peace.

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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