

Bellflower UMC

GREETINGS¹ ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRFLUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER²

Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed.

We follow our faithful Lord.

These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard.

We follow our faithful Lord.

It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world.

We follow our faithful Lord.

In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm.

We follow our faithful Lord.

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve.

We follow our faithful Lord.

HYMN

Lord of the Dance #261 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #361

PSALM - Psalm 27

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

NT READING - Philippians 3:14-4:1

GOSPEL - Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

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² Stephen Fearing. Wild and Precious Life. http://www.stephenmfearing.com.

CONFESSION & PARDON³ - UMH12

O God, whose loving knows no ending, still you long to gather us under your wings. For the words of hatred we have spoken and the words of love we have withheld:

O God, forgive us and gather us under your wings of mercy.

For the walls we have built up and the barriers we have refused to take down,

O God, forgive us and gather us under your wings of mercy.

For the greed that makes us frantic and the gifts we pass by without seeing,

O God, forgive us and gather us under your wings of mercy.

For what we have done and for what we have left undone,

O God, forgive us and

gather us under your wings of mercy.

Sisters and brothers, God's promise of mercy is sure. Rest under God's sheltering wings and know that you are home.

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

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

HOLY COMMUNION - UMH13 or UMH17

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon #706

³ https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/gathered-up-in-jesus/second-sunday-in-lent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/second-sunday-in-lent-year-c-liturgical-resources

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

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

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⁴ 2 Corinthians 13:13