

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, July 5, 2020, 10:30 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
Communion Sunday

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Crusaders' Hymn, arr. Cindy Berry)

***Opening Sentences and Prayer***

***Hymn 373:*** "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

***Scripture Reading:*** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

***Sermon:*** "THE GENTLE INVITATION"

***Special Music (Hymn 385):*** "On Eagle's Wings"

*Congregation join on refrain:* And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

***Observance of Holy Communion***

***Hymn 316:*** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 580 (v. 1):*** "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

**Today's Participants:** Pastor Mark McCormick, Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller

## COMMUNION RITUAL

### CONFESSION

**All:** Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that You desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek Your mercy and grace, as we ask You for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Minister:** We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

### THE INVITATION

**Minister:** So, in like manner, we welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

You will be offered both the bread and the wine. We hold the elements until all are served, then we partake together.

### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

**Minister:** On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again." Ministering to you in His name, I give you this bread. . . Ministering to you in His name, I give you this cup.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Anna L. Waring, 1823-1910

Traditional Finnish Melody

Adapt. and harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

1. In heav'n-ly love a - bid - ing, No change my heart shall fear,  
 2. Wher - ev - er He may guide me, No want shall turn me back;  
 3. Green pas-tures are be - fore me, Which yet I have not seen;

And safe is such con - fid - ing, For noth - ing chang - es here.  
 My shep-herd is be - side me, And noth - ing can I lack.  
 Bright skies will soon be o'er me, Where the dark clouds have been.

The storm may roar with - out me, My heart may low be laid, But  
 His wis - dom ev - er wak - eth; His sight is nev - er dim; He  
 My hope I can - not meas-ure; The path to life is free; My

God is round a - bout me, And can I be dis-mayed?  
 knows the way He tak - eth, And I will walk with Him.  
 Sav - ior has my treas-ure, And He will walk with me. A-men.

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

Call - ing for you and for me; See, on the  
 Plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we  
 Pass - ing from you and from me; Shad - ows are  
 Prom - ised for you and for me; Though we have

por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,  
 gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,  
 sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,

Watch - ing for you and for me.  
 Mer - cies for you and for me?  
 Com - ing for you and for me.  
 Par - don for you and for me.

# GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Come home, come home,

Come home, come home, come home,

Come home, come home,

You who are wea-ry, come home;

Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing—

Call-ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"