

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 7, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "O Worship the King" (Johann Michael Haydn, arr. Faye Lopez)
(inspired by Muzio Clementi's "Piano Sonatina in F major")

Opening Sentence and Prayer

Hymn 262: "The Spacious Firmament on High"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading (on back): Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

Sermon: "CREATION RE-IMAGINED"

Special Music: "Peace Like A River, Kum Ba Yah" (Trad. Spirituals, arr. Jean Anne Shafferman)

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 313: "Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life"

Benediction

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

Today's Service Participants: Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCornick, Barb Fuller, Sue Mott

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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.

1. The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high, With
 2. Soon as the ev - 'ning shades pre - vail, The
 3. What though, in sol - emn si - lence, all Move

all the blue e - the - real sky, And span - gled
 moon takes up the won - drous tale; And night - ly,
 round the dark ter - res - trial ball? What though no

heav'ns, a shin - ing frame, Their great O -
 to the lis - t'ning earth, Re - peats the
 re - al voice nor sound A - midst their

rig - i - nal pro - claim. The un - wea - ried sun, from
 sto - ry of her birth; Whilst all the stars that
 ra - diant orbs be found? In rea - son's ear they

GOD'S REVELATION

day to day, Does his cre - a - tor's pow'r dis -
round her burn, And all the plan - ets in their
all re - joyce, And ut - ter forth a glo - rious

play, And pub - lish - es to ev - 'ry land The
turn, Con - firm the ti - dings as they roll, And
voice; For - ev - er sing - ing, as they shine, "The

work of an al - might - y hand.
spread the truth from pole to pole.
hand that made us is di - vine." A - men.

Lord of Creation,

As the sun rises in the eastern sky, may we, too, rise from our slumber, to find Your deeds to be done, to sing Your praises, to minister to Your world, by Your grace.

God of Creation,

As the sun stretches high in the noon-day sky, may we, too, stretch high above the fray, to seek Your face, to bless Your name, to find Your will, by Your grace.

King of Creation,

As the sun bows low in the western sky, may we, too, bow low to the ground, to confess Your greatness, to show our indebtedness, to be lifted up, by Your grace.

Savior of Creation,

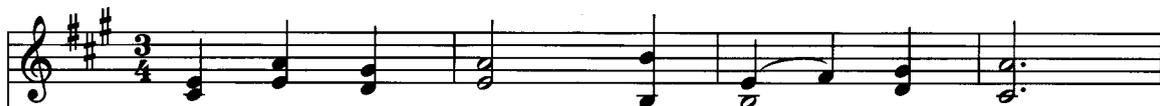
As the moon glows brightly in the nighttime sky, may we, too, glow brightly, to reflect Your love, to light the way, to conquer the darkness, by Your grace.

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Frank Mason North, 1850-1935

Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life,
 2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need,
 3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness,
 4. The cup of wa - ter giv'n for Thee
 5. O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain - side
 6. Till all Thy chil - dren learn Thy love



Where sound the cries of race and clan, A -
 On shad - owed thresh - olds dark with fears, From
 From wom - an's grief, man's bur - dened toil, From
 Still holds the fresh - ness of Thy grace; Yet
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain; A -
 And fol - low where Thy feet have trod, Till,



bove the noise of self - ish strife, We
 paths where hide the lures of greed, We
 fam - ished souls, from sor - row's stress, Thy
 long these mul - ti - tudes to see The
 mong these rest - less throngs a - bid, O
 glo - rious from Thy heav'n a - bove, Shall



hear Thy voice, O Son of man.
 catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.
 heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 sweet com - pas - sion of Thy face.
 tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
 come the cit - y of our God! A - men.

