

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 17, 2020, 10:30 a.m.
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: "Praise Him! Praise Him" (Chester G. Allen, arr. Mark Hayes)

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Sentence

Hymn 7: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "It Is Well My Soul" with "Blessed Assurance" (arr. Stephen DeCesare)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Sermon: "UNKNOWN?"

Hymn 463: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Benediction

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-
 eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
 thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can
 fore Him! Let the "A-men!" Sound from His peo-ple a-

near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
 do, If with His love He be-friend thee.
 gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him! A-men.

I Love to Tell the Story

Arabella Catherine Hankey, 1834-1911

William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of
 best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To

Je - sus and His love. I love to tell the
 hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of

sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It
 glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry

To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.

Lord, You are amazing. Your love and dedication to me are beyond my comprehension. I will never understand how You can love me so, when I wrong You every day. One thing I do know is that I am unworthy of Your love. You give it so freely and ask very little in return. How can I not worship Your awesome name? I pray that You will give me the strength to do Your will and spread Your Word to my brothers and sisters. To grow in You is to share You with others. Help me to set myself aside as I let Your love shine through me. The endless treasure of Your love is enough to make the whole world rich. I will gladly be a map to show others the way. Amen.