

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP
Sunday, November 8, 2020, 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "There Is a Fountain" (Traditional American melody, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 145: "O Christ, Our Light"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Be Still, and Know That I Am God" (Roberta Bitgood)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sermon: "DAYLIGHT CRAVING TIME"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 304: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Benediction

Benediction Response 466 (v. 1-3): "This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. . . Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. . . Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. . . Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: 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.

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. Christ, our light and our sal - va - tion, Whom shall we
 2. Dai - ly we will seek Your bless - ing Ex - spect - ant -
 3. Keep us calm with - in Your pres - ence, O Christ, our
 4. Teach us, Lord, the road to fol - low, Grant what we



fear? Close be - side to guard and guide us, Lord
 ly, Then re - ly up - on Your good - ness Con -
 Light. Hide us in Your spe - cial fort - res, Safe
 pray. Lead us up the straight and nar - row, To



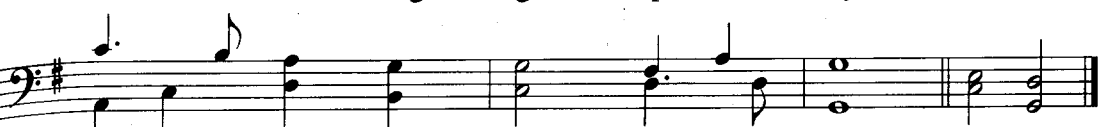
al - ways near. Noth - ing now need make us an - xious;
 fi - dent - ly. En - e - mies may try to in - jure,
 in Your sight. Draw us high up on Your moun - tain,
 bright - er day. Shine Your face on all who love You,



You will shine in all our dark - ness. Fie - ry Pil - lar,
 Tri - als grow or pres - sures ling - er, None will tri - umph
 Guard our steps, so prone to fall - ing, By the beau - ty
 Smile on us that we may shine, too. Guide us safe - ly,



Star of bril - liance, Glow bright - ly here.
 since You or - der Sov - er - eign - ly.
 of Your dawn - ing, Lead us a - right.
 all our lives through, Light up our way. A - men.



Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938

John Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.

LIFT EVERY VOICE
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GOD'S REVELATION

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for

day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.