

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**  
Sunday, February 21, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
The First Sunday in Lent

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "I Love You, Lord" (Laurie Klein, arr. Lloyd Larson)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 173:*** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

***Opening Prayer***

***Special Music:*** "Hymn of Promise" (Natalie Sleeth)

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

***Old Testament Reading:*** Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

***Sermon:*** "THE PARADOX OF GOOD NEWS"

***Hymn 511:*** "Hymn of Covenant"

***Benediction***

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

**Today's Participants:** Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, April Lakatos, Lorraine Finison

## Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 173

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt.

John's Day Psalter, 1562

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For  
 2. As Thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And  
 3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And  
 4. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of  
 5. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So

us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to  
 didst the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in  
 through Thy Pas - sion - tide, Yea, ev - er - more, in  
 suf - fering o - ver - past, An East - er of un -  
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and

mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.  
 Thee to fight, In Thee to con - quer sin.  
 life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!  
 so to live By your most ho - ly word. A - men.

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GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

511

Hymn of Covenant

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Madelin Sue Martin

Unison

1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney That all Your peo - ple  
 2. Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims Who share this wind - ing  
 3. Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, You meet us on the

make, The path through noise and si - lence, The  
 way, Whose hope burns through the ter - rors, Whose  
 road. We wait for land of prom - ise Where

way of give and take. The trail is found in  
 love sus - tains the day. We yearn for ho - ly  
 milk and hon - ey flow, But wait - ing not for

des - ert, And winds the moun - tain round, Then  
 free - dom While of - ten we are bound; To -  
 plac - es, You meet us all a - round. Our

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leads be - side still wa - ters, The road where faith is  
geth - er we are seek - ing The road where faith is  
cov - e - nant is writ - ten On roads, as faith is

*Last time* Interlude to next verse  
found. found. found. *Last time*

Eternal God of time and space,  
we praise You for Your presence  
in the midst of life and days.

Gracious God of days and seasons,  
we thank You for Your blessings  
in all that life may bring.

For You are God with us,  
in every twist and turning.

Our lives are in Your hands.

So help us, Lord, to trust in You,  
and seek You in the everyday.

Help us, Lord, to live for You,  
and walk in all Your ways.

Lead us all together, by Your Holy Spirit,  
so that Your Kingdom come,  
Your Will be done,  
in each of us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.