

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 3, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (William Croft, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 275: "All Beautiful the March of Days"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (Hymn 531)

Congregation join on refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Sermon: "HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE CHRISTIANITY"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 81: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Benediction

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

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Pastor Jacob Richards, 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.

All Beautiful the March of Days

Frances W. Wile, 1878-1939

Traditional English Melody

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As
 2. O'er white ex - pans - es spar - kling pure The
 3. O Thou from whose un - fath - omed law The

sea - sons come and go; The hand that shaped the
 ra - diant morns un - fold; The sol - emn splen - dors
 year in beau - ty flows, Thy - self the vi - sion

rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow,
 of the night Burn bright - er through the cold.
 pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,

Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heav'n, The
 Life mounts in ev - 'ry throbb - ing vein, Love
 Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And

GOD'S REVELATION

flow - ing wa - ters sealed, And laid a si - lent
deep - ens round the hearth, And clear - er sounds the
night to night pro - claim, In ev - er - chang - ing

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the corresponding notes.

love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.
an - gel hymn, "Good will to men on earth."
words of light, The won - der of Thy name.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a melody that concludes with a final note and a double bar line. The bass staff provides accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

THE TRIUNE GOD

81 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

French Carol

Harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-

Unison

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord,
 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, Stripped of
 3. You, who walk each day be - side us, Sit in
 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy

are both prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er
 might up - on the cross, Shin - ing in e -
 pow - er at God's side. You, who preach a
 is our cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy Your de -

and sword - bring - er Of the way You
 ter - nal glo - ry, Beg - gar'd by a
 way that's nar - row, Have a love that
 feat and vic - t'ry. Wor - thy still Your

took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 sol - dier's toss, You, the ev - er - last - ing
 reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

