

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

***Welcome and Greeting***

**Prelude:** "To God Be the Glory" (William H. Doane)

***Opening Sentences***

**Hymn 493:** "Christ's Body All Are We"

***Opening Prayer***

**Special Music:** "The Love of God" (Fredrick M. Lehman)

***Old Testament Reading:*** Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

Doxology

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

## **New Testament Reading:** Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## **Sermon: "WOE"**

## **Hymn 260: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"**

## **Benediction**

## **Response 550 (v. 1): "All Are Welcome"**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

## **Greet One Another**

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Lorraine Finison, Barb Fuller, Jerry Fuller

1. Christ's bod - y all are we, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Christ Je - sus, He's our head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Af - firm we lib - er - ty, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Ye Pil - grims, come on board! Al - le - lu - ia!

A - men! Con - nect - ed, yet still free.  
 A - men! We fol - low, Spir - it led.  
 A - men! Let minds and souls be free!  
 A - men! Our sail's set heav - en - ward;

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! We strive for  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Faith to faith,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let's laud di -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Our com - pass

u - ni - ty So, peace, the church may see.  
 daunt - less on Till hate and doubt are gone.  
 ver - si - ty, Shun forced con - form - i - ty.  
 is God's word; Our har - bor's Christ the Lord;

## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano. The Soprano part is in treble clef, and the Bass part is in bass clef. Both parts sing in G major (two sharps). The piano part is in G major (two sharps) and provides harmonic support. The lyrics are:

Christ, our af - fin - i - ty!  
And some day all are one.  
God meant it so to be!  
Land we in one ac-cord.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loving and gracious God, You gather us together to be Your Church in the world. The new covenant You have written on our hearts ties us to You through the mystery and beauty of Christ Jesus. We are a people who belong to You, connected and yet free. We are free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to be the people You have created us to be, free to love You as one body—unified but not uniform. We are Christ's body, and we seek to serve You and Your people faithfully: walking willingly where Christ's feet would go, speaking freely as His lips would proclaim, working tirelessly as His hands would shape and mold.

Centered around Him, may we grow ever closer to His living presence, and in doing so may Your glory be visible in this world. We are Your pilgrim people, O Lord, and we desire to worship You in a way that is pleasing, faithful and true to You. May the light of Christ shine brightly among us, that as we work to be Your people, all may know of Your love and goodness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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Ruth Duck, 1947-

Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt.

1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, The moon, the wild - flow'rs  
 2. When bod-ies shiv - er in the night And, wea - ry, wait for  
 3. God calls hu-man - i - ty to join As part-ners in cre -

grow - ing, For we are part of all that is With -  
 morn - ing, When chil-dren have no bread but tears, And  
 at - ing A fu - ture free from want and fear,  
 Life's

in life's riv - er flow-ing. With o - pen hands re -  
 war - horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu - man - i -  
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share The gifts of God's cre - a - tion, That  
 ty to wake, To join in com - mon la - bor, That  
 from a - far, In - vites our shared en - deav - or, That

all may have a - bun - dant life In ev - 'ry earth - ly na - tion.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life In one - ness with their neigh - bor.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life And peace en - dure for - ev - er.