

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 11, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" (Irish Folk Melody, arr. Mark Hayes)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 14: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Praise Him!" (Craig Courtney)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Sermon: "PROPHET, PRIEST, AND PLUMB LINE"

Hymn 28: "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Benediction

Benediction Response 578 (v. 2): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jerry Fuller, Roger Kennedy

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14 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566

Trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made, His
 3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I
 4. O ye who name Christ's ho - ly name, Give

God of all cre - a - tion, The God of pow'r, the
 gra - cious mer - cy keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or
 sing a - loud Thy prais - es, That men may hear the
 God all praise and glo - ry; All ye who own His

God of love, The God of our sal - va - tion; With
 eve - ning shade His watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -
 grate - ful song My voice un - wea - ried rais - es; Be
 pow'r, pro - claim A - loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast

heal - ing balm my soul He fills, And ev - 'ry faith - less
 in the king - dom of His might, Lo! all is just and
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y
 each false i - dol from his throne, The Lord is God, and

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

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mur - mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry.
all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.
bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
He a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - men.

Loving God, our hearts are filled with praise when we contemplate Your wonderful and marvelous works. We cannot contain our gratitude for the unending grace which You bestow upon us. Even when we believe we see the fullness of Your love working in our lives, help us to understand that we are seeing only a glimpse of Your immense capacity for loving Your children.

We praise You for Your mercy and compassion when we face difficulty. We praise You for Your help and guidance when we feel lost and alone. We praise You for Your gentleness when we feel vulnerable. We praise You for Your strength when we feel weak and unsure. For Your greatness surpasses every earthly might, O God, and Your generosity in all things exceeds our expectations. Praise be to You, O God, the source of our deepest joy and the very foundation of our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Lisa Howes

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Jane Parker Huber, 1926-

Traditional American Melody
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, Fill the seas and
 2. You have called us to be faith - ful In our life and
 3. God, Your will is still cre - at - ing, Call-ing us to

spread the plain, Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor - ship Joined in
 life made new, Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas Where there's

sun - shine, wind and rain. We, cre - at - ed in Your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur Your gra-cious im - age,
 work to dare to do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion,

Would a true re - flec-tion be Of Your jus - tice, grace and
 Fo - cus us and make us whole, Healed and strength-ened as Your
 Fash - ion us with lov - ing care, Thus new crea - tures in Your

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mer - cy, And the truth that makes us free.
peo - ple, We move on - ward toward Your goal.
im - age, We'll pro - claim Christ ev - 'ry - where.

Dear God, Father of all, we are very grateful for the beautiful world You created, for the singing birds, the radiant flowers, the blue sky, and the soft breeze. We are thankful for the storms that bring us the clouds, wind and rain that help keep our earth fresh and full of life. We are thankful for Your bounty that comes from the earth so our bodies may be fed. Indeed, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (*Ps 24:1*). We are also thankful for the light of God's sunshine that reminds us of God's Son, Jesus, through whom creation was made possible. Lord, God, there is so much that is a mystery to us and there is so much we do not comprehend. It is in the unknown and faraway places of Your creation that we acknowledge You as the eternal God who sees and understands all. In the vastness of the universe, we believe it is Your gracious hand that holds everything together. You span all of creation with the palm of Your hand and we are in awe of Your incredible greatness and majesty.

Lord, we are also mindful of the variety of animal and plant life that provides so much joy and pleasure to mankind. We thank You for the seasons of the year that reveal the beauty of Your creation. We recognize You, O God, as the architect and designer of a solar system that is in perfect balance between gravity and centrifugal force that keeps the earth and other planets revolving around the sun. It is this rotation and revolution of our earth that provides the daily sunrises and sunsets. You are marvelous in Your spectacular array of color that makes the earth such a prism of beauty. Our eyes of faith realize it is You who created all things for our enjoyment. We pray that You will help us be responsible stewards of the earth You have given us and treat Your creation with reverence and conservation in mind. In Your many creative forces, both seen and unseen, we give You thanks.

The beauty of the universe is realized when people of many different cultures live and work together for the good of all creation. May peace reign in the hearts and minds of people of all races. Pour out Your Spirit upon the nations of the earth, and upon all You have named and claimed as Your own in Christ's name. For all the blessings of life, and for Your promise to be with us forever, we lift our eternal praise and thanksgiving to You. Almighty God, may we, as part of Your creation, share with others what You have so lovingly and graciously given to us. Through Jesus' name we pray. Amen.