

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Traditional, arr. Don Phillips)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 329: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (Stuart Townend, arr. Larry Shackley)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

Sermon: "THE PARADOX OF THE SERPENT"

Hymn 537: "Lift High the Cross"

Benediction

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

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman, ca. 1624-1684

John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

1. My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to me,
 2. He came from His blest throne, Sal - va - tion to bes - tow;
 3. Some-times they strew His way, And His sweet prais - es sing;
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine;

Love to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly be.
 But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
 Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
 Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine.

O who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take
 But O, my friend, My friend in - deed, Who at my need
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death
 Sweet in - jur - ies! Yet they at these Them-selves dis - please,
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days

Frail flesh, and die? My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 His life did spend! Who at my need His life did spend!
 They thirst and cry. And for His death They thirst and cry.
 And 'gainst Him rise. Them-selves dis - please, And 'gainst Him rise.
 Could gai - ly spend. I all my days Could gai - ly spend.

Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin, 1827–1912 and
Michael Robert Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.

Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1875–1947

Refrain *Unison*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

Verses *Harmony*

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low this tri-um-phunt sign. The
2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied Bears
3. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, As
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise

hosts of God in u-ni-ty com-bine.
on the brow the seal of Him who died.
Thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to Thee.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

D.C.