

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Felice de Giardini, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 492: "God of All Love"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Hallelujah Song" (Kathy C. Bowen)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: "LOVING BEYOND BORDERS"

Hymn 495: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Benediction

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

Today's Participants: Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Kim Finison, Roger Kennedy

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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God of All Love

Janet Wootton, 1952-

Southern Harmony, 1835
Harm. by Marty Haugen, 1950-

Unison



1. God of all love, You call Your man - y peo - ples
2. We find our homes in lo - cal con - gre - ga - tions
3. As we reach out to grasp the hands of oth - ers,
4. We ask for heal - ing for our false di - vi - sions



To be a sign to all the hu - man race,
Drawn where Your Spir - it's stead - y love - light burns.
We take de - light in rich di - ver - si - ty,
And Your for - give - ness when we get things wrong,



To show Your care, Your jus - tice and com - pas - sion
There day by day, we seek Your will in serv - ice
To see You form this man - y - mem - bered bod - y,
Then we shall praise Your name in all our liv - ing,



And live Your love in ev - 'ry time and place.
Hold - ing in com - mon val - ues and con - cerns.
One in Your love, for all the world to see.
Then we shall teach the world to sing Your song!




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So let us join our voices and our hearts



To let the world hear heaven's song.



Yes, let us join our voices and our hearts



To let the world hear God's great song.

God of all love, bless Your faithful disciples with Your loving presence and inform us with Your Holy Spirit. Encourager and Comforter, we lift our humble prayers to You. Bless us with the kindling of devotion. As we seek your will, light this kindling ablaze to shine with Your perfect love and glory. We give You praise for the blessed transformation of our lives as we seek to be beacons of Your love in Your created world. We seek Your love through our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and strength. Amen.

They'll Know We Are Christians

John 13:35

Peter Scholtes, 1938-

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Unison Fm Cm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

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pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.