

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

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

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World-wide Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" (Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Don Phillips)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 373: "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Pie Jesu" (Andrew Lloyd Webber)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Job 1:1 and 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.' So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Sermon: "THE LARGER QUESTIONS"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 386: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Benediction

Benediction Response 576: "May the Lord Bless You"

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage for ev'ry endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Roger Kennedy

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."

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.

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Anna L. Waring, 1823-1910

Traditional Finnish Melody

Adapt. and harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

1. In heav'n-ly love a - bid - ing, No change my heart shall fear,
 2. Wher - ev - er He may guide me, No want shall turn me back;
 3. Green pas-tures are be - fore me, Which yet I have not seen;

And safe is such con - fid - ing, For noth - ing chang - es here.
 My shep-herd is be - side me, And noth - ing can I lack.
 Bright skies will soon be o'er me, Where the dark clouds have been.

The storm may roar with - out me, My heart may low be laid, But
 His wis - dom ev - er wak - eth; His sight is nev - er dim; He
 My hope I can - not meas - ure; The path to life is free; My

God is round a - bout me, And can I be dis-mayed?
 knows the way He tak - eth, And I will walk with Him.
 Sav - ior has my treas - ure, And He will walk with me. A-men.

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Civilla D. Martin, 1866-1948

Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

Solo on stanzas is optional

1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows
 2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," His ten - der words I
 3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, When - ev - er clouds a -

come? Why should my heart be lone - ly
 hear; And rest - ing on His good - ness,
 rise, When songs give place to sigh - ing,

And long for heav'n and home When Je - sus is my
 I lose my doubt and fear. Though by the path He
 When hope with - in me dies, I draw the clos - er

por - tion? My con - stant Friend is He: His
 lead - eth But one step I may see: His
 to Him; From care He sets me free. His

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me. His
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I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free;

For His eye is on the spar-row, And I know He watch-es me.