

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 17, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring, George Elvey)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 196: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Poem: "Sunflowers" (Mary Oliver)

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Concertato on 'Thine Is the Glory'" (Georg F. Handel, arr. Robert J. Powell)
(Congregation joins on verses 1 and 3 of Hymn 203—watch for cues)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Sermon: "EASTER HOPE vs. REALITY"

Receiving New Members: Bill and Sue Baldwin

Hymn 198: "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Benediction

Benediction Response 201 (v. 1): "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. Jesus on the cross as Savior for the word's salvation bled; but the crucified redeemer now is risen from the dead!

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, April Lakatos, Justin Stephens, Bill Baldwin, Kim & Lorraine Finison, Jamie Keller, Ann McClelland, Gina Patton, Shannon Quinn, Roger Kennedy, Ruelaine Stokes

Easter Lilies 2022

Bill and Sue Baldwin	In memory of her parents, Robert and Jean McKinnon, and his parents and brother, William, Barbara, and Stephen Baldwin
Carleen Brammell	In memory of family members
Carleen Brammell	In honor of Jan Holcomb
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of her parents, Angelo and Gwendolyn Vassallo
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of his parents, Joe L. and Velma Finison
Lorraine Finison	In memory of my dear Doris Graham
Jan Fleck	In memory of her mother, Ida Mae Johnson
Maryanna Foster	In memory of those who went before . . .
Jerry and Barb Fuller	In celebration of beloved family and friends
Terry and Sharon Graham	In memory of Doris, our mom, grandma, greatgrandma
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob Pearson
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's wife, Patricia
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's mother, Lelah Gress-Smith
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's grandparents, Rev. George and Pearle Hall
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of John Rolfe
Lisa Jones	In memory of her parents, Daniel and Maxine Bodwin
Roger and Meredith Kennedy	In memory of loved ones
Bruce and Wendy Kushion	In memory of his parents, Edward and Anne Kushion, and her parents, Eric and Marjorie Wessborg
Bruce and Wendy Kushion	In memory of Chloe
Ina Martin	In memory of loved ones
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of her parents, Loyal and Arlene Dean
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of his parents, Rev. Everett and Loverna McCormick
Nancy McKay	In memory of her husband, Dick, and their parents, Norman and Ila McKay and Russell and Leone Parish
Beverly Miller	In memory of her husband, Fred
Arlene Moore	In memory of her husband, Jimmy
Eugene and Shirley Potts	In honor of his mother, Marion Potts
Mary Robison	In loving memory of her dear husband, Norm
Mary Robison	In memory of her brother, Bill Bishop
Mary Robison	In memory of her parents, David and Myra Lu Bishop
Terry and Gwen Tisdale	In honor of our musicians
Frank and Linda Wheeler	In memory of his parents, Delores and Glen Pettis, and her parents, Ruth and Raymond Keller
Gordon Wilson and Deenie Lesher	In memory of his mother, Doreen Brown, and her mother, Jean Johnson
Martha Woodward	In memory of her husband, Ken
Susan Yaeger and family	In memory of her mother, Blanche Samohovetz
Susan Yaeger and family	In memory of her father, Dan Samohovetz

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Minister: Seeking membership in this church, do you accept the religion of love and service that Jesus taught and lived; to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself; to make the spirit of Christ dominant in your relationships, also recognizing we that we all are human; we make mistakes and sometimes we need to be forgiven and to offer forgiveness; do you therefore covenant together with all the members and friends of Mayflower Church to prayerfully promote harmony, faithfulness, and unconditional love, accepting a share in its privileges and duties, insofar as you are able, God being our helper?

(Those joining will respond: "I do".)

Mayflower's Response: *(The congregation is invited to rise, and read in unison.)*

We rejoice with each of you and we joyfully receive you into membership and fellowship. We pledge our Christian love as you have promised us. We humbly pray to God that both you and we may true to this covenant forever, through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Mayflower Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian church to maintain the worship of God; to proclaim the Gospel of Christ; to develop a sense of our relationship and duty to God and our fellow persons; and to be an inspiration for love, truth, and passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to strive to express Christ's spirit in our individual and corporate lives; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church: working; giving; praying for its increase, its purity, its peace; and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - umphant now, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Edmond L. Budry, 1854–1932

Trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939

Thine Is the Glory

George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life!



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
 Lov - ing - ly He greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out Thee; Aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,
 Let His church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - qu'rors, Through Thy death - less love;



Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes Where Thy bod - y lay.
 For her Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan To Thy home a - bove.



JUDAS MACCAEBEUS
5.5.6.5.6.5 with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are in soprano and bass clef, respectively. The piano part is in bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
End-less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

Dear Lord,
Your heavens declare Your glory.
Sunrise gives promise of newness from old,
the moon, promise of light in our darkness;
the song of the birds breaks lonely silence.
May we as Your people show forth Your glory
by examples of new life from old,
light in the darkness for both friends and foes.
May all of our words break the silence
between You and the world.
May we help the world say,
“Your Church declares Your glory.”
With the power of Christ and in His name.
Amen.

Rev. William Rafuse

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Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Exodus 15

John of Damascus, ca. 696-ca. 754

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst His
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry To our King im -

glad - ness; God hath brought His Is - ra - el
 pris - on, And from three days' sleep in death
 splen - dor, With the roy - al feast of feasts,
 por - tal, Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal
 mor - tal, Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars

In - to joy from sad - ness; Loosed from Phar - aoh's
 As a sun hath ris - en; All the win - ter
 Comes its joy to ren - der; Comes to glad Je -
 Hold Thee as a mor - tal; But to - day a -
 Of the tomb's dark por - tal; "Al - le - lu - ia!"

bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters; Led them
 of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing From His
 ru - sa - lem, Who with true af - fec - tion Wel - comes
 midst the twelve Thou didst stand, be - stow - ing That Thy
 with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing, "Al - le -

ST. KEVIN
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THE TRIUNE GOD

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are:

with un - moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
peace which ev - er - more Pass - eth hu - man know - ing.
lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing.

Almighty God, we praise You that Christ has conquered sin and death. The tomb is empty! We have hope beyond the grave! We thank You for the example of Jesus, who loosed the chains of injustice, untied the yoke of the oppressed, and provided bread for the hungry.

During our worship today, please accept our songs and our silences, our faith and our fears, our times of trust and our times of doubt.

We humbly ask that You speak to the deep places of our hearts, that we may align our will with Yours. May the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection touch whatever is dead in us and bring it to life. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter Day, for You are our hope, our life and our joy. Amen.

Rev. Jim Schibsted