

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Children of the Heavenly Father" (Swedish Hymn, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 310: "World Peace Prayer"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "While on the Sea" (Ukrainian Folk Hymn, arr. Larry Sue)

While on the sea hear the terrible roaring; see how the boat of my life rolls with me;
In fear of death and in deepest of anguish. Lord, hear my prayer; watch my soul on the sea.

Save me, O merciful Father, forgive me; How as my life with its ending I see.
My youthful strength has been spent in the battle. Lord, now I beg You, have mercy on me.

I have no strength left to aid on my journey; Help me to reach that fair land past the sea;
Help me to travel to my native country. Lord now I beg You, have mercy on me.

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-12 and 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Sermon: "A DIFFICULT TEXT"

Hymn 304: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Benediction

Benediction Response 308: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Shannon Quinn, Lorraine Finison, Gail Sawyer

Refrain *Unison*

C⁷ F G C Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth,

Dm⁷ G C C⁷

from de - spir to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from

Dm⁷ G C E⁷ Am Dm⁷

hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our

G Em⁷ Am Dm C/E F C/G G C

hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 6.6.6.5.9.10 with Refrain

GOD'S REVELATION

Verses

C Dm7 G Em7

1. Still all the an - gry cries, Still all the an - gry guns,
 2. So man - y lone - ly hearts, So man - y bro - ken lives,
 3. Let jus - tice ev - er roll, Let mer - cy fill the earth,

Am Dm7 G C

Still now Your peo - ple die, Earth's sons and daugh - ters.
 Long - ing for love to break In - to their dark - ness.
 Let us be - gin to grow In - to Your peo - ple.

Am Dm7 E7 Am

Let jus - tice roll, let mer - cy pour down,
 Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,
 We can be love, we can bring peace,

F D7 C/G G7 C D.C.

Come and teach us Your way of com - pas - sion.
 Come and teach us Your way of com - pas - sion.
 We can still be Your way of com - pas - sion.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938

John Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 6.6.10.6.6.10.14.14.6.6.10

GOD'S REVELATION

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for

day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.