

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent
Reception of New Members

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Lead Me to Calvary" (William Kirkpatrick, arr. Faye Lopez)
(inspired by Ludwig van Beethoven's "Pathétique" Piano Sonata)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 298: "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "The Old Rugged Cross" (George Bennard, arr. B.C. Dockery)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Sermon: "ALL YOU CAN EAT?"

Receiving New Members: Kay Bongard, Steve Gmazel, Bruce and Wendy Kushion, and Nancy Wing

Hymn 378: "As Water to the Thirsty"

Benediction

Benediction Response: "The Irish Blessing"

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, and until we meet again, may the God that loves us all hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Kim Finison, Jamie Keller, Justin Stephens

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.

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand 298

Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907

George W. Warren, 1828-1902

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Trumpets before each stanza (optional)

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al-might - y
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3. From war's a-larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
 lence, Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way; Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 Thy true re - lig - ion in our hearts in - crease;
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
 Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine. A - men.

Unison

1. As wa - ter to the thirst-y, As beau - ty to the eyes, As
 2. Like calm in place of clam-or, Like peace that fol-lows pain, Like
 3. As sleep that fol-lows fe - ver, As gold in-stead of gray, As

strength that fol-lows weak-ness, As truth in-stead of lies; As
 meet - ing af - ter part - ing, Like sun - shine af - ter rain; Like
 free - dom af - ter bond - age, As sun - rise to the day; As

song - time and spring - time And sum - mer-time to be, So
 moon - light and star - light And sun - light on the sea, So
 home to the trav - 'ler And all we long to see, So

is my Lord, My liv-ing Lord, So is my Lord to me.

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