

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Be Still, My Soul" (Jean Sibelius, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 329: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "We Are Not Alone" (Pepper Choplin)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27a

'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Sermon: "DARE TO QUESTION"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 361: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 580 (v. 3): "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put His arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Jennifer Hall, Chancel Choir

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.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman, ca. 1624-1684

John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

1. My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to me,
 2. He came from His blest throne, Sal-va-tion to bes-tow;
 3. Some-times they strew His way, And His sweet prais-es sing;
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto-ry so di-vine;

Love to the love-less shown, That they might love-ly be.
 But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
 Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
 Nev-er was love, dear King, Nev-er was grief like Thine.

O who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take
 But O, my friend, My friend in-deed, Who at my need
 Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death
 Sweet in-jur-ies! Yet they at these Them-selves dis-please,
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days

Frail flesh, and die? My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
 His life did spend! Who at my need His life did spend!
 They thirst and cry. And for His death They thirst and cry.
 And 'gainst Him rise. Them-selves dis-please, And 'gainst Him rise.
 Could gai-ly spend. I all my days Could gai-ly spend.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,

Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast
 round me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,

while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way; Oh, let me
 died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and
 turn to day; Wipe sor - row's tears a - way; Nor let me
 then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move; Oh, bear me

from this day Be whol - ly Thine.
 change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
 ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul. A - men.