

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 2, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Worldwide Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Trad. American Melody, arr. Brian C. Howell)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 47: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Opening Prayer

Consecration Moment

Anthem: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Joyce Merman and George N. Allen, arr. Roy Ringwald)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Sermon: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 523: "We Come to Your Feast"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 581: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Meredith Kennedy, 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.

THE TRIUNE GOD

47

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23

William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

THE TRIUNE GOD

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

523

We Come to Your Feast

Michael Joncas, 1951-

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G Unison C

1. We place up - on Your ta - ble a
 2. We place up - on Your ta - ble a
 3. We place up - on Your ta - ble a
 4. We ga - ther 'round Your ta - ble, we

G

gleam - ing cloth of white: The weav - ing of our
 hum - ble loaf of bread: The gift of field and
 sim - ple cup of wine: The fruit of hu - man
 pause with - in our quest, We stand be - side our

C D

sto - ries, the fab - ric of our lives;
 hill - side, the grain by which we're fed;
 la - bor, the gift of sun and vine;
 neigh - bors, we name the stran - ger "guest."

G

The dreams of those be - fore us, the an - cient hope - ful
 We come to taste the pres - ence of Him on whom we
 We come to taste the pres - ence of Him we claim as
 The feast is spread be - fore us; You bid us come and

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

C G

cries, feed, Lord, dine: The prom - ise of our fu - ture: our
To strength - en and con - nect us, to
His dy - ing and His liv - ing, His
In bless - ing we'll un - cov - er, in

Am7 G

need - ing and our nur - ture Lie here be - fore our eyes.
chal - lenge and cor - rect us, To love in word and deed.
lead - ing and His giv - ing, His love in cup out - poured.
shar - ing we'll dis - cov - er Your sub - stance and Your sign.

3 3

We come to Your feast, we come to Your

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feast: the young and the old, the fright - ened, the

G Em 3 3

SERVICE MUSIC

581

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Numbers 6:24-26

Peter C. Lutkin, 1858-1931

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His coun - te -

nance up - on you, and give you peace,
and give you peace, and give you

The Lord make His
and give you peace; The Lord make His face to shine up - on you,
peace;

And be gra - cious un-to you, be gra-cious, The Lord be
And be gra-cious, and be gra-cious; The Lord be

BENEDICTION
Irregular

SERVICE MUSIC

Single Amen

gra-cious, gra-cious un-to you. A - men.

The musical notation for 'Single Amen' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics 'gra-cious, gra-cious un-to you. A - men.' written below the notes.

Seven-fold Amen

you. A - men, A - men, A -

you. A - men, A - men, A -

men, A - men, A -

men, A - men, A -

men, A - men, A -

men, A - men, A -

A - men, A - men.

men, A - men, A - men.

men, A - men.

The musical notation for 'Seven-fold Amen' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics 'you. A - men, A - men, A -' repeated seven times. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words appearing on both staves.