

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "Give Me Jesus" (Spiritual, arr. Faye Lopez)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 7:*** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

***Opening Prayer***

***Special Music:*** "River in Judea" (Linda Marcus and Jack Feldman, arr. John Leavitt)

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology*

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

***Gospel Reading:*** Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

***Sermon:*** "IT'S A CHURCH!"

***Hymn 524:*** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 497 (v. 1 and 2):*** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

- 1) Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- 2) Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Rev. Art Ritter, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Marsha Hacker, Justin Stephens, Chancel Choir

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

*Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal -  
 eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus -  
 thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at -  
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be -

va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw  
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have  
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can  
 fore Him! Let the "A-men!" Sound from His peo-ple a -

near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?  
 do, If with His love He be-friend thee.  
 gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him! A-men.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

*Unison*

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.