

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

Sunday, April 9, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday  
Reception of New Members

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (DIADEMATA, arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

***Opening Sentences***

***Opening Hymn 196:*** "Concertato on 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'" (arr. Hal H. Hopson)  
(Choir only on verse 4—watch for cues)

***Opening Prayer***

***Anthem:*** "Easter Triumph" (Mark Hayes)

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

*Doxology*

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

***Old Testament Reading:*** Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

***Sermon: "THE LARGER DRAMA"***

***Receiving New Members:*** Dr. Robert and Judith Posey

***Closing Hymn 203:*** "Concertato on 'Thine Is the Glory'" (Georg F. Handel, arr. Robert J. Powell)  
(Congregation joins on verses 1 and 3—watch for cues)

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 197 (v. 3):*** "The Day of Resurrection"

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Kim & Lorraine Finison,  
Jamie Keller, Shannon Quinn, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

## 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.**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

First verse: "Join we now as angels say" or "Join the angels now to say"

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7 with Alleluias

# THE TRIUNE GOD

## 203

## Thine Is the Glory

Edmond L. Budry, 1854-1932

George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb;  
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life!

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.  
Lov - ing - ly He greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom;  
Life is nought with - out Thee; Aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,  
Let His church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,  
Make us more than con - qu'rors, Through Thy death - less love;

Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes Where Thy bod - y lay.  
For her Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting.  
Bring us safe through Jor - dan To Thy home a - bove.

## THE TRIUNE GOD

Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Dear Lord,  
Your heavens declare Your glory.  
Sunrise gives promise of newness from old,  
the moon, promise of light in our darkness;  
the song of the birds breaks lonely silence.  
May we as Your people show forth Your glory  
by examples of new life from old,  
light in the darkness for both friends and foes.  
May all of our words break the silence  
between You and the world.  
May we help the world say,  
"Your Church declares Your glory."  
With the power of Christ and in His name.  
Amen.

Rev. William Rafuse

## Easter Lilies 2023

Bill and Sue Baldwin	In memory of her parents, Robert and Jean McKinnon, and his parents and brother, William, Barbara, and Stephen Baldwin
Carleen Brammell	In memory of family members
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of her parents, Angelo and Gwendolyn Vassallo
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of his parents, Joe L. and Velma Finison
Lorraine Finison	In memory of my dear Doris Graham
Jan Fleck	In memory of her mother, Ida Mae Johnson
Maryanna Foster	In memory of those in my family who have passed
Jerry and Barb Fuller	In celebration of beloved family and friends
Terry and Sharon Graham	In memory of Doris, our mom, grandma, greatgrandma
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob Pearson
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's wife, Patricia
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's mother, Lelah Gress-Smith
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's grandparents, Rev. George and Pearle Hall
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z	In memory of John Rolfe
Lisa Jones	In memory of her parents, Daniel and Maxine Bodwin
Roger and Meredith Kennedy	In gratitude for her sister Leslie's continued recovery
Marian Korroch and family	In memory of her husband, Erwin
Marian Korroch and family	In honor of Plymouth Congregational Church
Bruce and Wendy Kushion	Blessings for Spartan Strong
Ina Martin	In memory of loved ones
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of her parents, Loyal and Arlene Dean
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of his parents, Rev. Everett and Loverna McCormick
Nancy McKay	In memory of her husband, Dick, and their parents, Norman and Ila McKay and Russell and Leone Parish
Arlene Moore	In memory of her husband, Jimmy
Eugene and Shirley Potts	In memory of the Mitchell and Miles families
Eugene and Shirley Potts	In memory of his mother, Marion Potts
Mary Robison	In memory of her husband, Norm, and her brother, Bill Bishop
Mary Robison	In memory of her parents, David and Myra Lu Bishop
Terry and Gwen Tisdale	In honor of Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick
Frank and Linda Wheeler	In memory of his parents, Delores and Glen Pettis, and her parents, Ruth and Raymond Keller
Gordon Wilson and Deenie Leshar	In memory of his mother, Doreen Brown, and her mother, Jean Johnson
Susan Yaeger and family	In memory of her parents, Dan and Blanche Samohovetz