

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Greeting

Handbell Prelude: "Abide With Me" (W. H. Monk, arr. Allen Bonde)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 456: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Opening Prayer

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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Sermon: "THE LIMITS OF FREEDOM"

Hymn 189: "Before the Cross of Jesus"

Benediction

Benediction Response: "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of Thee.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gail Sawyer, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

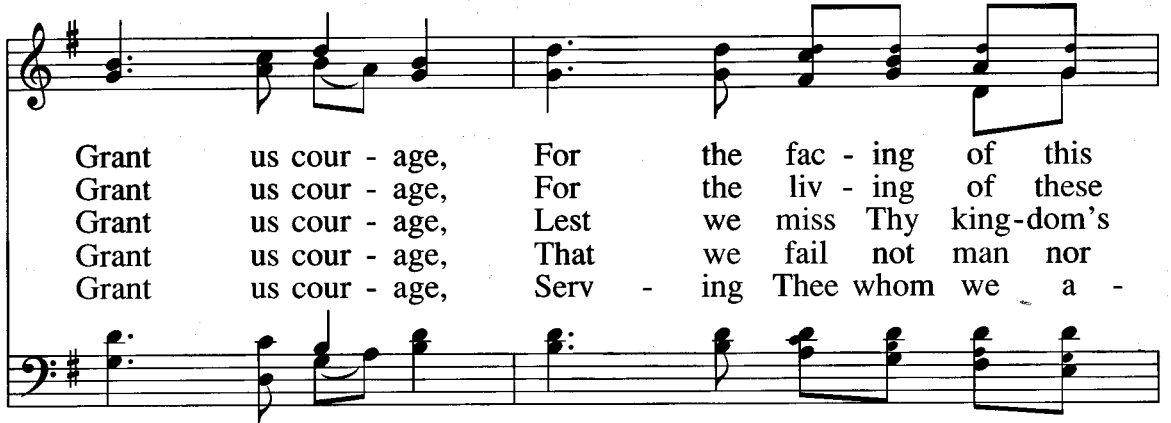
pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an - cient Chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ-like grac - es
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion

Bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 In the fight to set men free. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

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Fourth verse: "In the fight to set us free" and
 "So that we may honor Thee" or "So that we do not fail Thee"

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



Grant us cour - age, For the fac - ing of this
Grant us cour - age, For the liv - ing of these
Grant us cour - age, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's
Grant us cour - age, That we fail not man nor
Grant us cour - age, Serv - ing Thee whom we a -

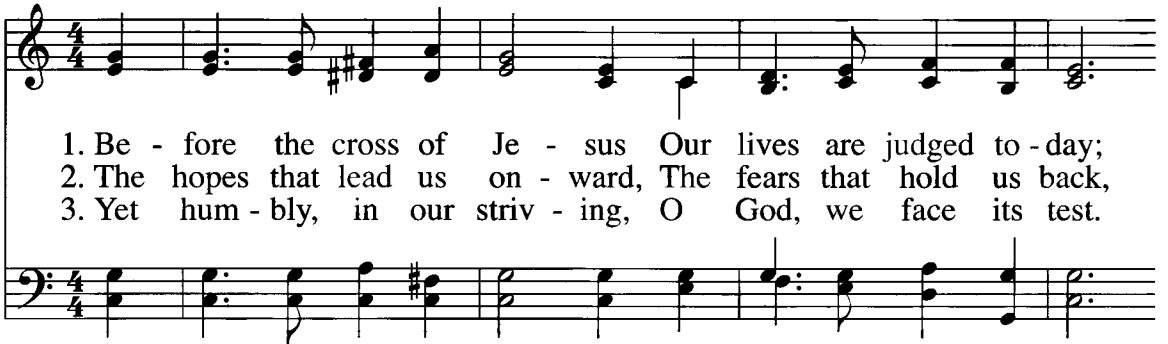


hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.
dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore. A - men.

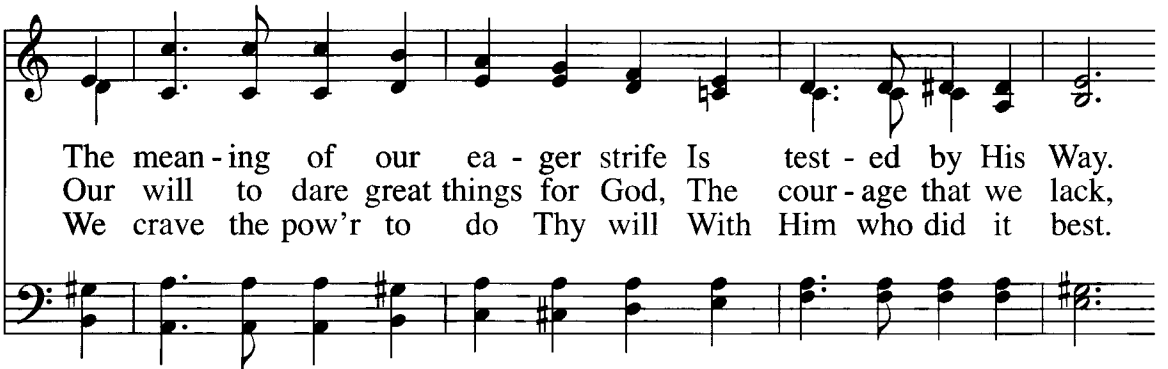
God of grace and glory, we lift up our hearts in praise to You this day. You have ever reached out to us in the midst of our sin and darkness to shine Your light of hope into our lives. Before we even knew to call out Your name, You answered our cries. Before our prayers of longing left our lips, You heard and answered.

Merciful Lord, we acknowledge that all we are and all we have flows from Your hand. In the power of the Holy Spirit, You free us from the chains that bind us, and so we thank You. By Your gift of grace, You meet our every need, and so we adore You. With Your blessing of love, You anoint us, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, and so we praise You.

Holy God, sanctify us and teach us to serve You as true followers of the Servant King. Grant us wisdom to discern Your will, and courage to walk faithfully in its light, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



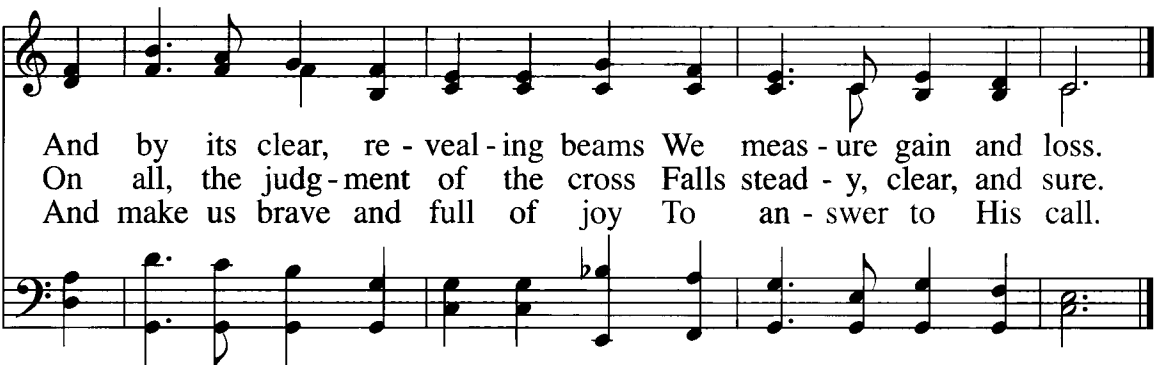
1. Be - fore the cross of Je - sus Our lives are judged to - day;
 2. The hopes that lead us on - ward, The fears that hold us back,
 3. Yet hum - bly, in our striv - ing, O God, we face its test.



The mean - ing of our ea - ger strife Is test - ed by His Way.
 Our will to dare great things for God, The cour - age that we lack,
 We crave the pow'r to do Thy will With Him who did it best.



A - cross our rest - less liv - ing The light streams from His cross,
 The faith we keep in good - ness, Our love, as low or pure—
 On us let now the heal - ing Of His great Spir - it fall,



And by its clear, re - veal - ing beams We meas - ure gain and loss.
 On all, the judg - ment of the cross Falls stead - y, clear, and sure.
 And make us brave and full of joy To an - swer to His call.