MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Send Us Your Spirit" (David Haas)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 393: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "By the Mark" (Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, arr. Sheldon Curry)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon: "REORIENTING"

Hymn 317: "The Summons"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 576: "May the Lord Bless You"

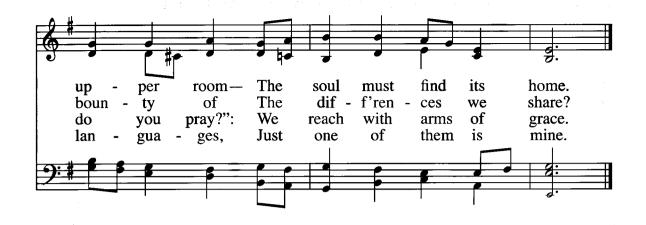
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage for ev'ry endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Greet One Another

<u>Participants</u>: Rev. Tom and Rev. Wendy Van Tassell, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Kim and Lorraine Finison, Chancel Choir

Creator of the Intertwined

Jacque B. Jones **English Melody** Arr. and harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 in - ter - twined, You 1. Cre a - tor of the made each peace best sung Strength born of by all, song e - vil's wake we all are hurt: When pricked, all cher - ish what 4. Teach us to is strange And the soul u - nique: Each one with ears to hear faith's call, Each har - mo - ny cel - e - brate Your u - ni - ty. we In With com-mon wounds and shared de - spair, We hu - mans bleed. rich - er be, lis - ten with our hearts and speak With one with voice to speak. Each wor-ships where the call Can sing each oth - er's di ver - si we not gift: ty. seek the balm we need. We do not ask be fore we From dif-f'rent com-fort lov - ing hon - es sourc - es ty. for - est, tem-ple, dome, moun - tain - top, in Re - joic - ing the songs? Speak un - fa - mil - iar prayer? in reach To of - fer our em - brace, We do not ask. "How comes, Each seeks for the di - vine: Your voice speaks man - y **CMD**



Creating and sustaining One,

the sun of Your compassion is shining upon us all,

and the soft rains of Your guidance shower us all.

Your gifts encompass all Your children, wherever they are.

Whatever their traditions of faith,

their true yearning is for You,

for Your providence nurtures us all.

Unlock the gates of true understanding

and let the light of faith shine gloriously.

Gather all people beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Give us the will to converse in kindness

and open ourselves to the truths contained in every faith,

so that we may become as the rays of one sun,

as the waves of one ocean,

and as the fruit of one tree.

May we all be refreshed by the same breeze of Your love.

May we all praise the same Spirit of grace.

May we all glorify You by living in peace.

Amen.

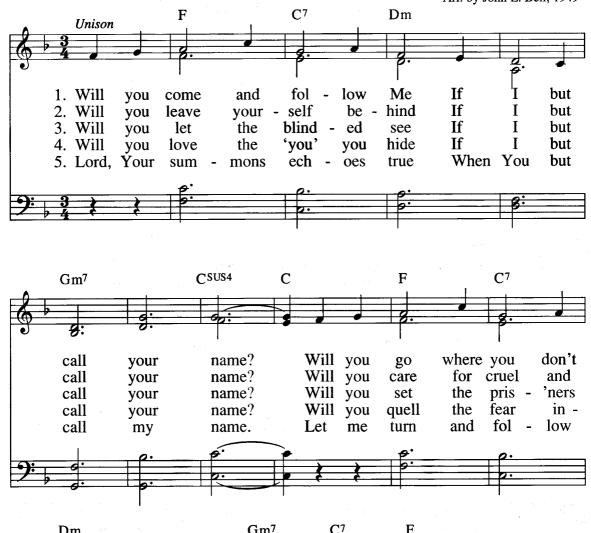
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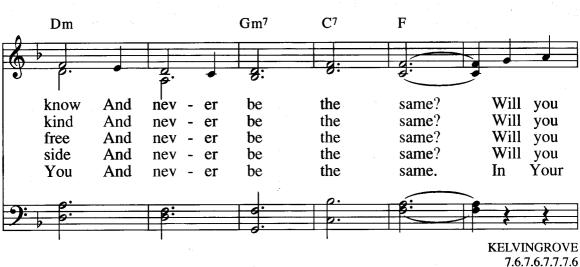
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The Summons

John L. Bell, 1949-

Traditional Scottish Melody Arr. by John L. Bell, 1949–





GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

