#### MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 9, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

### Welcome and Greeting

**Prelude:** "Amazing Grace" (Early American melody, arr. John Coates, Jr.)

**Opening Sentences** 

Hymn 495: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

**Opening Prayer** 

**Special Music:** "Like a Tree" (Margaret P. Douroux and Lon Berry)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Sermon: "AN UNCOMFORTABLE SUBJECT"

Hymn 290: "O Perfect Love"

**Benediction** 

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

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Roger Kennedy

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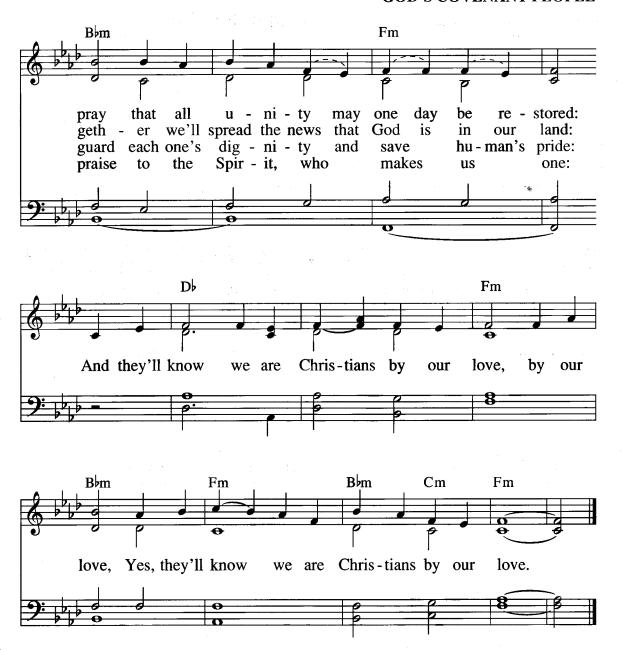
# They'll Know We Are Christians

John 13:35 Peter Scholtes, 1938– Peter Scholtes, 1938-

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### GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



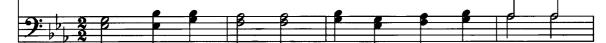
Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.

Dorothy F. Gurney, 1858-1932

Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896



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- per fect Life, be 3. Grant them the earth - ly joy which bright-ens sor - row;





Low - ly kneel prayer be - fore Thy we in char and stead-fast ten - der i ty faith, calms all earth - ly them the peace which strife,





theirs may That the be pa - tient hope, and to life's day the

love which knows no end - ing, qui - et, brave en - dur - ance, glo - rious un-known mor - row





Thou for - ev - er - more dost join in one. child-like trust that fears not pain nor death. dawns up - on e - ter - nal life. love and



A-men.