

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" (Inspired by Mozart's "Laudate Dominum") (Trad. Irish melody, arr. Faye Lopez)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 501: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (Spiritual, arr. J. Harold Moyer)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Sermon: "UNCOMFORTABLE FAVORITISM"

Hymn 492: "God of All Love"

Benediction

Benediction Response 497 (v. 1 and 3): "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. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Jen Hall, Bill Baldwin

In Christ There Is No East or West

501

John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
3. Join hands, then, broth - ers of the faith, What -
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the
e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
Him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.
as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth. A - men.

Second verse: "Close-binding humankind."

Third verse: "Join hands, then, *children* of the faith" and
"Who serves my Father as a *child*"

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GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

492

God of All Love

Janet Wootton, 1952-

Southern Harmony, 1835
Harm. by Marty Haugen, 1950-

Unison



1. God of all love, You call Your man - y peo - ples
2. We find our homes in lo - cal con - gre - ga - tions
3. As we reach out to grasp the hands of oth - ers,
4. We ask for heal - ing for our false di - vi - sions



To be a sign to all the hu - man race,
Drawn where Your Spir - it's stead - y love - light burns.
We take de - light in rich di - ver - si - ty,
And Your for - give - ness when we get things wrong,



To show Your care, Your jus - tice and com - pas - sion
There day by day, we seek Your will in serv - ice
To see You form this man - y - mem - bered bod - y,
Then we shall praise Your name in all our liv - ing,



And live Your love in ev - 'ry time and place.
Hold - ing in com - mon val - ues and con - cerns.
One in Your love, for all the world to see.
Then we shall teach the world to sing Your song!



STAR IN THE EAST

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GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



So let us join our voices and our hearts



To let the world hear heaven's song.



Yes, let us join our voices and our hearts



To let the world hear God's great song.

God of all love, bless Your faithful disciples with Your loving presence and inform us with Your Holy Spirit. Encourager and Comforter, we lift our humble prayers to You. Bless us with the kindling of devotion. As we seek your will, light this kindling ablaze to shine with Your perfect love and glory. We give You praise for the blessed transformation of our lives as we seek to be beacons of Your love in Your created world. We seek Your love through our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and strength. Amen.