

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

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

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "How Firm a Foundation" (Joseph Funk, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 431: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Down by the Riverside" (arr. David McKeown)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Sermon: "AN UNCOMFORTABLE ARRANGEMENT"

Hymn 430: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Benediction

Benediction Response 580 (v. 1): "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Jamie Keller, Justin Stephens

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we
 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us; Be the
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly
 4. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and

need Thy ten - der care; In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin de -
 let us do Thy will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly
 sin - ful though we be; Thou hast mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos - oms fill.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear Thy
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

bought us, Thine we are; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 chil - dren when they pray; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 loved us, love us still; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 let us turn to Thee; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed

Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
 Je - sus, Hear Thy chil - dren when they pray.
 Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.
 Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee. A - men.

Jesus, we come to You in praise.

Jesus, rabbi, teacher,
 You came to Your people and sat among us,
 teaching, and feeding, and expressing Your care.
 We are fed—Hallelujah.

Jesus, fisher of men,
 You come to the ordinary places of our lives
 and ask us to follow You.
 We follow in faith—Praise be to God.

Jesus, our friend,
 You challenged us with the parables of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son,
 and with Your healing of the leper.
 You taught and acted.
 You healed and rested.

In wonder we show our praise through daily acts of love.

Your compassion provided acceptance to the woman at the well.
 Your tender caring cherished the faith of the children held in Your lap.
 Your anger turned over tables when we worshipped the world instead of Your Father.
 Your question stopped our arguing on the road, when we were feeling self-important.
 Your impatience challenged our pious exercises of faith.

Precious Lord, You bring us forgiveness and love.
 Son of God, Messiah of the world, we praise Your name.
 Your grace enfolds us and frees us to follow You.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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Spiritual

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Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it
 1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus,
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, If I
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for

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Je - sus, is my plea. Dai - ly walk - ing close to
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 me will be no more; Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly

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Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
 shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

CLOSER WALK
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