

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

Unison Fm Cm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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.

O Perfect Love

Dorothy F. Gurney, 1858-1932

Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

1. O per - fect Love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing,
 2. O per - fect Life, be Thou their full as - sur - ance
 3. Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row;

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

That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing,
 Of pa - tient hope, and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance,
 And to life's day the glo - rious un - known mor - row

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