

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (*Geistliche Kerchengesäng*, 1623)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 262: "The Spacious Firmament on High"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "This Is My Father's World" (Franklin L. Sheppard, arr. Alan Lohr)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 24-27, 30-31 and Genesis 2:1-3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Sermon: ". . . IT WAS VERY GOOD"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 35: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Benediction

Benediction Response 578 (v. 2): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Shannon Quinn, Roger Kennedy

COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

1. The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high, With
 2. Soon as the ev - 'ning shades pre - vail, The
 3. What though, in sol - emn si - lence, all Move

all the blue e - the - real sky, And span - gled
 moon takes up the won - drous tale; And night - ly,
 round the dark ter - res - trial ball? What though no

heav'ns, a shin - ing frame, Their great O -
 to the lis - t'ning earth, Re - peats the
 re - al voice nor sound A - midst their

rig - i - nal pro - claim. The un - wea - ried sun, from
 sto - ry of her birth; Whilst all the stars that
 ra - diant orbs be found? In rea - son's ear they

GOD'S REVELATION

day to day, Does his cre - a - tor's pow'r dis -
round her burn, And all the plan - ets in their
all re - joyce, And ut - ter forth a glo - rious

play, And pub - lish - es to ev - 'ry land The
turn, Con - firm the ti - dings as they roll, And
voice; For - ev - er sing - ing, as they shine, "The

work of an al - might - y hand.
spread the truth from pole to pole.
hand that made us is di - vine." A - men.

Lord of Creation,

As the sun rises in the eastern sky, may we, too, rise from our slumber, to find Your deeds to be done, to sing Your praises, to minister to Your world, by Your grace.

God of Creation,

As the sun stretches high in the noon-day sky, may we, too, stretch high above the fray, to seek Your face, to bless Your name, to find Your will, by Your grace.

King of Creation,

As the sun bows low in the western sky, may we, too, bow low to the ground, to confess Your greatness, to show our indebtedness, to be lifted up, by Your grace.

Savior of Creation,

As the moon glows brightly in the nighttime sky, may we, too, glow brightly, to reflect Your love, to light the way, to conquer the darkness, by Your grace.

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895

Traditional English Melody
Adapt. by Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

Refrain *Unison*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All

crea - tures great and small, All things wise and

won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.

Verses

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

ROYAL OAK
7.6.7.6 with Refrain

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

THE TRIUNE GOD

lit - tle bird that sings, He made their glow - ing
riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
lips that we might tell How great is God Al -

col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings. D.C.
morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
gar - den, He made them ev - 'ry one.
might - y, Who has made all things well.

Creator God, the seasons give us glimpses of Your majesty and power. Your creation snaps, pops, bursts, settles and renews over and over. The silence of winter calls us to meditation and reflection. The promise of spring speaks to us of resurrection glory. The warmth of summer engages us with vigorous heat and light. The fleeting nature of fall explodes around us and fades away in a visual song of the cycle of life, death and resurrection.

Speak to us of the dormant places within us and within Your Church, O Lord. May Your warmth and light bring renewed energy and purpose to our lives. May we be nourished and fed to continue to grow and develop. May we rise up and stretch toward You, seeking Your inspiration and responding to Your power in us.

Precious Lord, help us to see You in all that lives and thrives around us. Help us to be good stewards of this world as Your people. Give us grateful hearts for all that we have and all that we are in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.