MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude Solo: "O Rest in the Lord" (from Elijah) (Felix Mendelssohn)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 173: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "Kyrie Eleison" ("Most Holy One") (David Huntsinger)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Sermon: "THE JOURNEY TOWARD HOPE"

Hymn 395: "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Benediction

Benediction Response: "Panis Angelicus" (César Franck/St. Thomas Aquinas)

Greet One Another

<u>Participants</u>: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Frank Fleschner, Lindsey Lang, Chancel Choir

THE TRIUNE GOD

John's Day Psalter, 1562

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Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt.

for days, For 1. Lord, who through - out these ty didst con - tend, And with Sa tan 2. As Thou -And days of i - tence. through these pen 3. And Of life 4. A bide with us, that so, this and did thirst. So did 5. As hun ger you Thee Teach with to didst fast us and pray, us give strength in vic - t'ry 0 us didst the win, Yea, er - more, in through Thy Pas - sion tide, ev --An East - er of un suf - fering past, o - ver -To die to self, and gra - cious teach us. Lord, Thee by to stay. mourn our sins, And close con - quer sin. fight, In Thee to Thee to bide. death, Je sus! with us a life and last! We may at tain at end ing joy word. A - men. By your most ho ly to live so ST. FLAVIAN CM

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

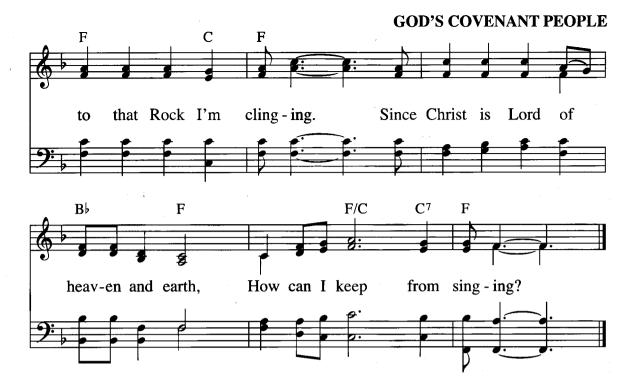
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How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, alt.



8.7.8.7 with Refrain



Eternal God, thank You for Your gift of music. Even when we find ourselves in deep despair—when we are anxious, disheartened and lonely—we cannot keep from singing. Out of the depths of our being, we find the strength and the courage to heal through the power of music. When the Hebrews were in exile and cried out, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord in a foreign land," You gave them succor and called them to remember Your promise. We, too, sometimes feel abandoned and alone. Yet You remain a constant presence and source of comfort. Through Christ, You continue to be our rock of refuge to which we can always cling.

How can we keep from singing! Amen.

Sandra Rygh Allgood