MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Harvest Festival

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Trad. English melody, arr. Barbara B. Kinyon)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 284: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (John Rutter)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Sermon: "THE BIORHYTHMS OF FAITH"

Hymn 78: "Christ Is the World's True Light"

Benediction

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

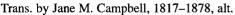
With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all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

Greet One Another

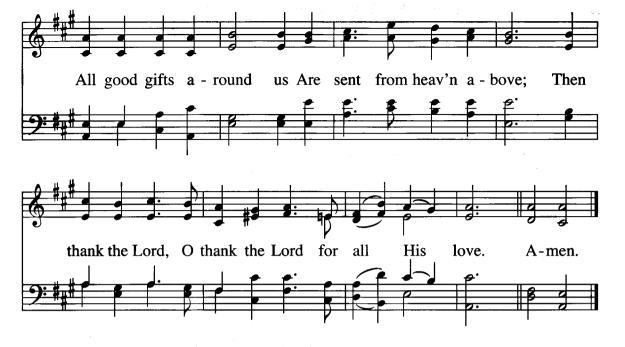
Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jen Hall, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

Matthias Claudias, 1740–1815

Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800







Master,

The fields around us lie fallow, waiting to fulfill their high calling. Give us heart to creatively tear down the fences that confine and surround them, that we may follow the call to cultivate Your land to fruitfulness; put our hands to the plow and harrow, and sow the seed of Your redeeming love into the fullness of life in Jesus' name. Amen.

Christ Is the World's True Light

George W. Briggs, 1875-1959 Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1649-1701 Harm, by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750 the world's true light, Its 1. Christ cap - tain of sal - va - tion. ra - ces meet, Their an - cient feuds for - get - ting, 2. In Christ all Lord, in one great name U - nite all who claim You: us day - star clear and bright ev - 'ry land and Of na - tion: The whole round world com - plete, From sun-rise to its set - ting; pride and shame Cast out That hin - der all our to name You: life, new hope a - wakes Wher-e'er we own God's way; From New When Christ is throned as shall for - sake their Lord. All fear To The world has wait - ed Has la - bored long long, pain; To bon - dage free - dom breaks, And night is turned to prun - ing-hook the plough-share beat the sword, To spear. an - cient wrong. Come, Prince of peace, and heal reign. A-men.

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