

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Worldwide Communion Sunday

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Handbell Prelude:*** "Meditation on 'Beautiful Savior'" (arr. Cathy Moglebust)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 485:*** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

***Opening Prayer***

***Consecration Moment***

***Anthem:*** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (Harold W. Friedell)

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology*

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

***Old Testament Reading:*** Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

***Sermon:*** "IS THE LORD AMONG US OR NOT?"

***Observance of Holy Communion***

***Hymn 52:*** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 576:*** "May the Lord Bless You"

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage for ev'ry endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

***Greet One Another***

**Participants:** Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jen Hall, Steve Gmazel,  
Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

## 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.

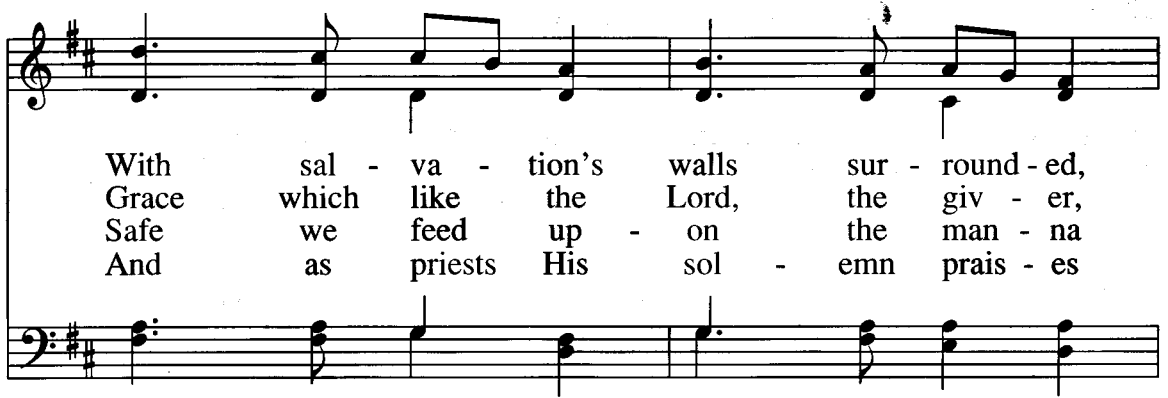
1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
 4. Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, Washed in our Re -

of our God; God, whose word can - not be bro - ken,  
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters,  
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
 deem - er's blood; Je - sus, whom our souls re - ly on,

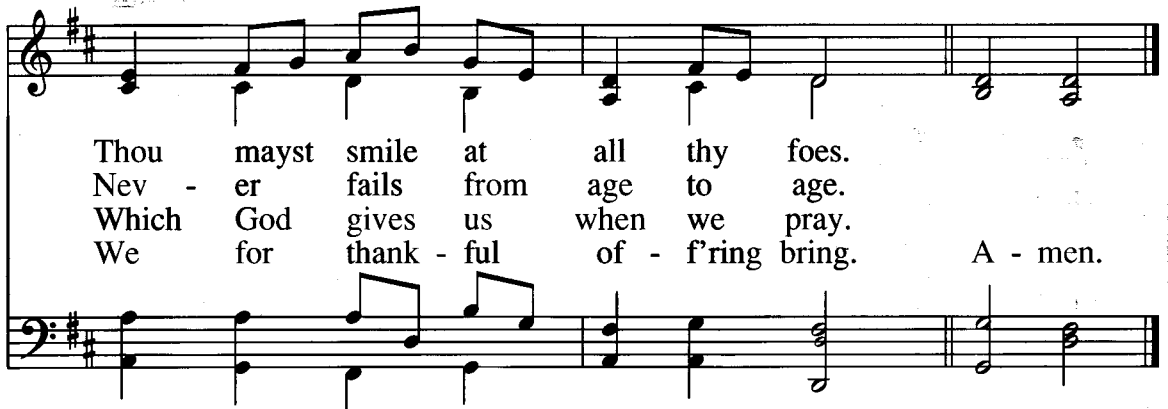
Formed thee for His own a - bode. On the Rock of  
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint while  
 Show - ing that the Lord is near! Thus de - riv - ing  
 Makes us mon - archs, priests to God. Us, by His great

A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage?  
 from our ban - ner Light by night and shade by day,  
 love, He rais - es, Rul - ers o - ver self to reign,

# GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,  
Grace which like the Lord, the giv - er,  
Safe we feed up - on the man - na  
And as priests His sol - emn prais - es



Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.  
Nev - er fails from age to age.  
Which God gives us when we pray.  
We for thank - ful of - f'ring bring. A - men.

Gracious God, the gifts of Your creation abound in our midst. We are filled with prosperity given by Your hand and the power of Your thoughts. We are thankful for these blessings. Teach us, we pray, to be good stewards of this creation, that the generations we birth may also reap the bounty of Your earth.

All-powerful God, we are oft perplexed by the world in which You have placed us. Cries for justice and peace arise from every corner of the earth, yet we hear of wars, rumors of wars and oppressive injustice. Instill in us the vision of Your kingdom, built in grace and love for all peoples, whatever their religion or creed. Teach us the value of grace as we endeavor to love You with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves. Give us the courage to absorb the hurt and anger of those who would oppress, and the wisdom to act toward others in the same manner we desire others to act toward us.

God of all creation, remind us of our part today in calling forth each tomorrow through the thousand little things we do to and for our immediate neighbors, friends and family. Remind us of our part today in calling forth tomorrow's world by being accountable in our places of work, worship and influence, and by holding accountable those we have elected to public office. Remind us this day of our partnership with You in creating every tomorrow.

Hear our prayers, O God, for we lift them to You in faith and hope based upon the promises of Your Christ, in whose name we live and move and have our being. Amen.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Para. by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Walker's Southern Harmony  
Harm. by Dale Grotenhuis, 1931-

1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah  
 2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres - ence  
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At - tend me

is His name: In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed,  
 is my stay; One word of Your sup - port - ing breath  
 all my days; O may Your House be my a - bode,

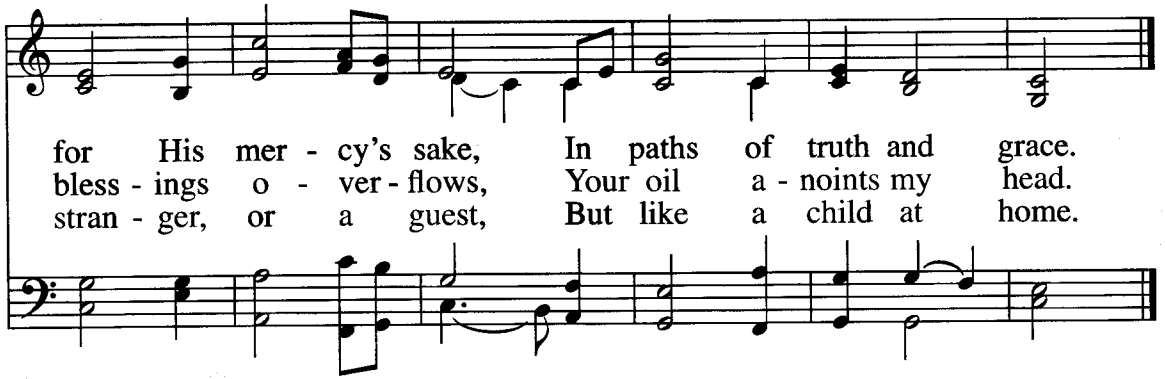
Be - side the liv - ing stream. He brings my wan - d'ring  
 Drives all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of  
 And all my work be praise. There would I find a

spir - it back, When I for - sake His ways; And leads me,  
 all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread; My cup with  
 set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come; No more a

RESIGNATION  
CMD

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

# THE TRIUNE GOD



for His mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.  
bless - ings o - ver - flows, Your oil a - noints my head.  
stran - ger, or a guest, But like a child at home.