

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Reception of New Members

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (William Sterndale Bennett)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 550: "All Are Welcome"

Opening Prayer

Consecration Moment

Anthem: "Followers of the Lamb" (1847 Shaker Melody, arr. Robert Wetzler)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Receiving New Members: Roy and Daun Ketcheson, Ted Wade

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon: "TITHES AND TAXES"

Hymn 367: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Benediction

Benediction Response 153: "Siyahamba / We Are Marching"

1) We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. 2) We are giving. . . 3) We are following. . .

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Wendy Kushion, Jamie Keller, Kim Finison, the Chancel Choir

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Minister: Seeking membership in this church, do you accept the religion of love and service that Jesus taught and lived; to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself; to make the spirit of Christ dominant in your relationships, also recognizing that we all are human; we make mistakes and sometimes we need to be forgiven and to offer forgiveness; do you therefore covenant together with all the members and friends of Mayflower Church to prayerfully promote harmony, faithfulness, and unconditional love, accepting a share in its privileges and duties, insofar as you are able, God being our helper?

(Those joining will respond: "I do".)

Mayflower's Response: *(The congregation is invited to rise, and read in unison.)*

We rejoice with you and joyfully receive you into membership and fellowship. We pledge our Christian love as you have promised us. We humbly pray to God that both you and we may be true to this covenant forever, through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Mayflower Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian church to maintain the worship of God; to proclaim the Gospel of Christ; to develop a sense of our relationship and duty to God and our fellow persons; and to be an inspiration for love, truth, and passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to strive to express Christ's spirit in our individual and corporate lives; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church: working; giving; praying for its increase, its purity, its peace; and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen, 1950-

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Unison

C7 F C/E F B♭ C

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

Dm C/E F B♭ C F/A Dm7

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

Gm7 C Gm7 F/A B♭ C7

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

B♭/F F Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of

TWO OAKS
 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with Refrain

Gathering

SERVICE MUSIC

F F/A Bb

faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this

F Bb A7 Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

Gm Dm Am7 Gm/Bb F/C

All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come

Gm7/C C7 F Bb/F F Bb/F F Bb/F F Bb/C

in this place. Last time Last time

O Jesus, I Have Promised

John E. Bode, 1816-1874

Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
 3. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee
 4. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend.
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my Guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.
 But Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin. A - men.