

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 8, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Abide With Me/Just a Closer Walk With Thee" (Michael Hassell)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 491: "In Christ We Are One Body"

Opening Prayer

Consecration Moment

Anthem: "Turn Back, O Man" (Gustav Holst)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

New Testament Reading: Galatians 6:9-10

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Sermon: "DOING GOOD IN THE KINGDOM"

Hymn 289: "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Benediction

Benediction Response 497 (v. 1): "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. David Bandfield, Barb Fuller,
Gretta Delaney, Charlotte Shoup, Chancel Choir

In Christ We Are One Body

491

Jack Brown

Attr. to J. Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

Arr. by William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*

1. God's mer - cy in - vites our grate - ful re - ply;
 2. We all have our gifts, though var - ied in kind;
 3. Each part of the whole is need - ed to - day;
 4. A - lone we will drift, to - geth - er we'll fly;

In of - f'ring our lives we, God, glo - ri - fy.
 God gives us these gifts of heart, hand and mind.
 Each gift is re - quired, God's love to dis - play.
 U - nit - ed in Christ we'll soar to the sky.

Our wor - ship we of - fer, God's will we af - firm,
 In man - y ways spe - cial, In some ways u - nique,
 By serv - ing with glad - ness, In giv - ing with grace,
 No long - er con - tent - ed To live life as one,

In self - giv - ing love is God's pur - pose con - firmed.
 To - geth - er we make Christ's bod - y com - plete.
 Through preach - ing and teach - ing we all find our place.
 U - nit - ed we'll be strong, help - ful and wise.

Unison

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cept-ance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For right - eous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cept - ance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

We are our - selves ac - cept - ed, And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness, And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!