### MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Welcome and Greeting

**Prelude:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (arr. Cindy Berry)

**Opening Sentences** 

Hymn 443: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

**Opening Prayer** 

Special Music: "Ave Verum" (Wolfgang A. Mozart)

Report on NACCC Annual Meeting: Jen Hall and Rev. Art Ritter

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Sermon: "THE NUANCES OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION"

Hymn 488: "Flesh of His Flesh"

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.

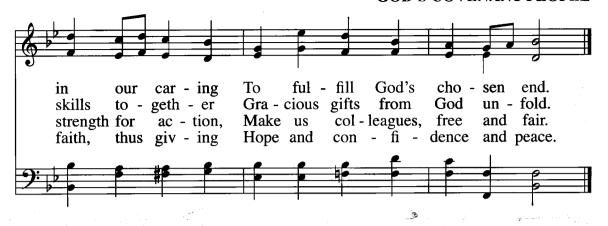
Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Jen Hall, Rev. Art Ritter

### **GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service John Zundel, 1815-1882 Jane Parker Huber, 1926-Christ's serv-ice, Called 1. Called as min - is part - ners in 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in spir-ing, Christ's clear call to Christ's mis-sion, In small or new pat - terns for 4. So God grant us for to mor-row Ways to or - der com - mit - ment We re - spond with deep tries of grace, work and worth, Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring, bear each oth - er's bur - dens, glob al sense, Help us per - son's sor - row man life That sur - round each OFresh new lines of faith to May we learn the art trace. Men and wom - en, rich - er, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth. Break-ing down each wall or Words of com - fort, words of fence. Make us part - ners a calm that con - quers strife. in our E - qual part-ners shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend, poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old, Blend-ing hu - man vi - sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care, Bring new pow'r and Mes - sen - gers liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,

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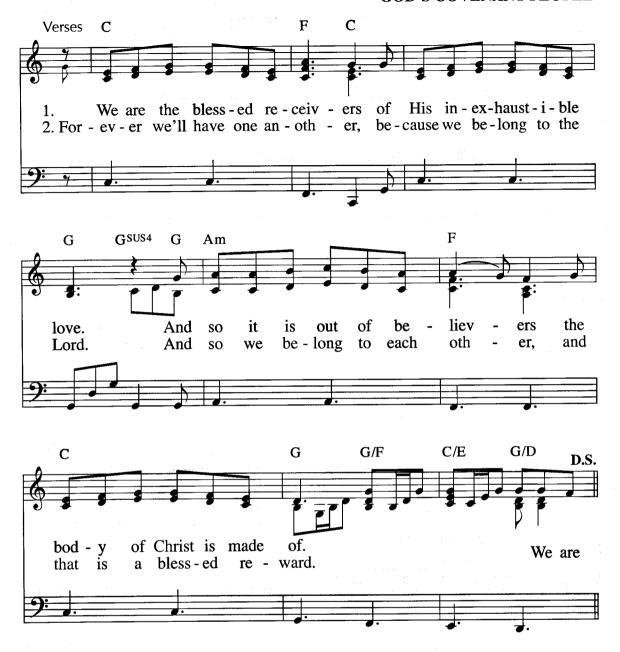


There are not enough of us to do Your work here on earth, Lord! Many of us have been in Your service for years and know that every effort we make in Your name becomes a blessing to us. The problem we have is enabling others to know that blessing as well. Lord, guide us in this endeavor! Help us seize the opportunities you present to us by providing us with the necessary words and actions to witness to the joy of a lifetime in Your service. As for me and my house, we have come to know that the longer, the deeper, and the broader our service has been to You, the closer we have come to Your presence. Help us to grow stronger in Your presence. Reveal to us the areas of life where our love has made all the difference in the life of another. Make us proud to be in Your service, and challenge us to affirm those who would join us in building Your kingdom. Thank You, Father, for the excitement of the journey we have made together. Thank You for the hills and valleys that have made life interesting, and thank You for the example of our Brother Jesus, who not only shows us how to walk in Your way, but walks for us when we are unwilling or unable. We give You all praise, because without You there is no meaning to our lives. Amen.

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# Flesh of His Flesh





Almighty God, our heavenly Father, help us to be Christian in deed as well as in name. May our faith in Jesus Christ make a real difference in the way in which we live our lives. May our religion not be merely the performance of empty forms and rituals. Save us from the hypocrisy of worshiping Christ Jesus while at the same time casting aside the very precepts for which He lived and died. May none of us be guilty of praising our Lord and Redeemer while ignoring His challenge, or adoring His words while neglecting their meaning. May we never substitute song for service, praise for performance, adoration for action. But may song and service, praise and performance, and adoration and action go hand in hand in our daily lives, that we may be Your true servants while here on earth. Hear our prayer, for it is in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.