

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Promised Land" (Trad. American Melody, arr. Jan Sanborn)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 484: "The Church's One Foundation"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "By the Mark" (Gillian Welch and David Rallings, arr. Sheldon Curry)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Sermon: "DON'T BLAME THE VICTIMS!"

Hymn 309: "Micah 6:8"

Benediction

Benediction Response: "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of Thee.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Chancel Choir

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876



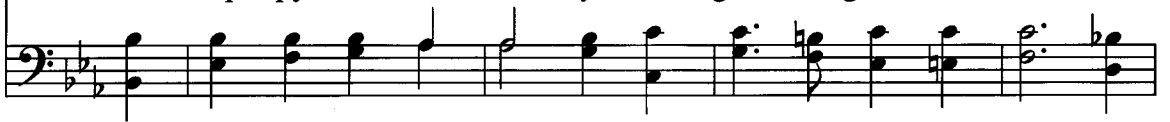
1. The Church-'s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
 4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er - more;
 And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest, And
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we Like



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A - men.



1. You may not have the strength to make all right a - gain,
2. You may not give the world's most gen-'rous of - fer - ing,
3. You may not work with most ef - fi - cient en - er - gy;

Nor have the time to do all things you should,
Nor have the means to mend this sad world's woe,
You may not change all sys - tems which op - press;

But God has shown the way which is re - quired of you,
The Lord still shows the way which is re - quired of you,
But what the Lord, with grace, still does re - quire of you

The way by which to do the great - est good:
That bless - ed way God has for you to go:
Is, "Fol - low in the ways which are the best."

GOD'S REVELATION

You must act just - ly, and you must love mer - cy,

And ev - 'ry - day walk humb - ly with your God.

The Lord Most High has shown you what is right and good:

Be just, be kind and humb - ly walk with God.