

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (John Hughes, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 545: "You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "Soon I Will Be Done" (Spiritual, arr. Linda Spevacek)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

New Testament Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sermon: "SIMPLE, YET CHALLENGING"

Hymn 541: "Here I Am, Lord"

Benediction

Benediction Response 578 (v. 1): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The service is ended; Oh, now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Wendy Kushion, Chancel Choir, Justin Stephens, Kim Finison

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

1. You walk a - long our shore-line Where land meets un-known sea.
 2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er The peo - ple of the earth.
 3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; We cry the king-dom's name;

We hear Your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low Me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly Those lives we think have worth.
 We work for love and jus - tice; We learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol - low Through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread Your net of gos - pel A - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

Then I will make you fish - ers But of the hu - man soul."
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter For all found by Your grace.
 To let Your judg - ment heal us So that all may be one.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Here I Am, Lord

Isaiah 6:8

Daniel L. Schutte, 1947-

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Arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock

Verses

G Unison C/G G C/G G

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and

D G Em Am⁷ G/B C Am Am⁷/G

cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

D/F# D⁷/C G/B D/A G C/G G

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

HERE I AM, LORD
 7.7.7.4 D with Refrain

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Am⁷ G/B C Am G/B C D Refrain D/F# G GSUS⁴

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

G GSUS⁴ Gmaj⁷/F# C/E C/D G GSUS⁴ G

Is it I, Lord? I have heard You

Am⁷ G/B C D D/F# G GSUS⁴ G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

GSUS⁴ G/F# C/E C/D G GSUS⁴ G Am⁷ D

if You lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my

1., 2. G GSUS⁴ G GSUS⁴ G/F# C/E DSUS² D/F# 3. GSUS^{2,4} G

heart. heart.