

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (George Matheson and Albert L. Peace, arr. Melody Bober)
- DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Jerry

Hymn 22: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Jerry

Special Music: "How Majestic Is Your Name" (Michael W. Smith) - Marsha/DeeAnn

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17- DeeAnn

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Sermon: "A THEOLOGY OF COMMUNION" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 531: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 578 (v. 2): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - DeeAnn et al.

With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barbara & Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker

COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827



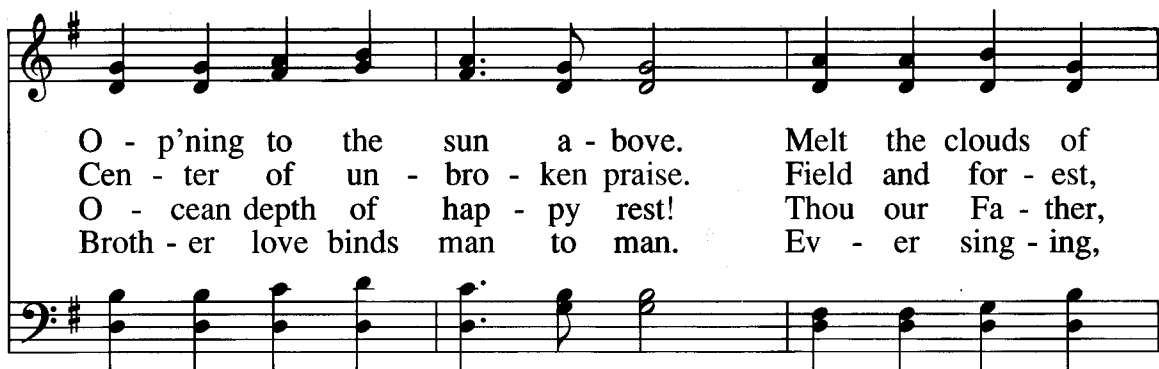
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,
 ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,



O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Fourth verse: "Our God's love is reigning o'er us,
 binding us in one great plan."

HYMN TO JOY
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THE TRIUNE GOD

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
Teach us how to love each oth - er,
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward

Fill us with the light of day!
Call us to re - jice in Thee.
Lift us to the joy di - vine.
In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Good and gracious God, we come to You with thanksgiving for all Your many blessings. We are surrounded this day, and every day, with signs of Your truth and power. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the glory of Your love. We thank You especially for:

- The beauty and power of Your creation.
- The gift of Christ, who brings peace and life.
- The work of Your Holy Spirit, guiding us and bringing us insights to Your will.
- The bright faith of new believers, the abiding devotion of Your loyal followers, and all companions on our journeys of discipleship.
- All relationships of love and caring, teaching us of Your love.
- The satisfaction of work well done.
- Opportunities, courage, and energy to serve You and share Your love.
- The ministries of our church, reaching out in faithful service in Your name.
- The gifts of our leaders, ministers, teachers, musicians, and administrators.
- Each member of our church, created by You in special ways for faith and service.

And for all the particular blessings of this day.

God of joy, our hearts are filled to overflowing with the fullness of Your blessings. Give us the strength, courage, and power to live as You have created us, transformed according to Your holy will. We offer these prayers of praise in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

Refrain *Unison*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With

gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O

sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses *Harmony*

1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
 2. With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our
 3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
 4. The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No
 5. You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

know and heed his voice; So when You call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That You should count us
 blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n-ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Lord, it's just me.

I know that You are the maker of all that is seen and all that is unseen.
 I know that You were before time began and will be after time has ended.

But Lord, today it is just me, and I thank You for making me.

I am satisfied with me.

I thank You that I stand here as part of Your community today.

I thank You for my steadfast sisters and brothers here.

Some of us are old and gray, and some of us are young,
 and some of us are men and some are women,

and we come in all shapes and sizes, and our skin comes in all shades and colors,
 and some of us like the worship loud and fast, and some of us like it slow and quiet,
 and some of us like to jump and dance, and some of us like to sit in serene reflection,
 and some of us like to clap, and others of us can't keep a beat,

and some of us can sing solos that rise to heaven's gate,
 and some of us can mow the church's yard just right,
 and some of us can make perfect cookies for the kids,
 and some of us nurture disciples and some of us teach,

and some of us don't know what we are good at yet but we are trying.

We are satisfied to be Your people, called by Your name.

You are our Bread of Life; You are our Cup of Celebration.

We savor these times when we gather as this community.

We are satisfied because You have satisfied us.

Help us to satisfy Your hopes and dreams for us.

Amen, Amen, and Amen.