

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent  
Sacrament of Baptism

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "The Spark of Creation" (from "Children of Eden") (Stephen Schwartz)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 317:*** "The Summons"

***Opening Prayer***

***Anthem:*** "Ave Verum Corpus" (W. A. Mozart, arr. Johann Müller)

Translation: Savior, source of every blessing, tune my heart to grateful, grateful lays; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for ceaseless songs of praise. Teach me some melodious measure, sung by raptured saints above; fill my soul with sacred pleasure, while I sing redeeming love, while I sing redeeming love.

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology*

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

***Gospel Reading:*** Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

***Sermon:*** "CHRISTIAN CREDENTIALS"

***Sacrament of Baptism:*** Arlo Nix Gosman, son of Jesse Maxwell Gosman and Maren Ritter Gosman

***Hymn (on insert):*** "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 51 (all verses):*** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

1) He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. 2) He's got the sun and the moon in His hand (three times), He's got the whole world in His hand. 3) He's got the wind and the rain in His hand (three times), He's got the whole world in His hand. 4) He's got the little bitty baby in His hand (three times), He's got the whole world in His hand. 5) He's got you and me, brother, in His hand, He's got you and me, sister, in His hand, He's got everybody here in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Art Ritter, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Maren Gosman, Chancel Choir

## Sacrament of Baptism

WORDS OF PREPARATION: One of the most significant celebrations of the Christian Church is the Sacrament of Baptism. As we witness the sacrament, we are reminded of our own baptism, of God's claim upon us, and of our own call to be part of the ministry of Christ's reconciliation and of God's mercy. We remember that God has called us each by name and that we all are unique and treasured children of God. The sacrament of baptism is a visible and outward sign of the grace of God.

For centuries, baptism has been the way of entrance into the universal church of Jesus Christ. It is the recognition of the goodness of God in each and every child. In baptism we acknowledge the need for fresh wisdom and strength gifted to us in each and every generation. Arlo Nix Gosman, the God who claimed Jesus as his beloved Son, and who has claimed each of us as beloved children, today claims you as a beloved child.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hear these words from the gospel of Matthew: At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put in front of them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

PROMISES OF THE PARENTS: Max and Maren, you have brought your child here desiring his Christian baptism. You now engage, on your part, to do those things that will show the good will and love of God to him that he may grow into the love and nurture and direction of the Lord.

Do you promise that you will teach this child the principles of the Christian faith and that you will pray with him and for him, and that you will keep him within the community of Christ's church? ***We do.***

PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: Do you, the members and friends of this church, representing the whole Body of Christ, receive this child into your love and care, and do you promise that so far as you are able, you will uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their promise this day? ***We promise our love, support, and care.***

BLESSING OF THE WATER: Throughout the story of faith, water has been a way in which God has delivered the faithful. In creation, God brought forth the beauty of creation from the raging water. The people of Israel crossed the waters of the Red Sea on their way to a land of promise. Jesus was baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan and heard the voice of God which claimed him as a beloved Son.

Bless this water by your Holy Spirit, Gracious God. By your Spirit, create new life in Arlo Gosman, that he may rise in glory and beauty in Christ. Glory to you, the one who was, and is, and ever shall be. AMEN.

### ACT OF BAPTISM and PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Almighty God, we give thanks to you that you have numbered us among your people and that you called our little ones to yourself. Grant that Arlo may be kept close to you all the days of his life. May he grow in grace, in wisdom, in love, and in joy. Keep him now and ever more under the shadow of your wing. Bless him so that he might lead a life well pleasing in your sight. Follow those who so greatly love Arlo with your tender and enabling Spirit. Grant to them wisdom, patience, and strength. May the lives they lead and the words they speak reflect your name of love. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, AMEN.

*Unison*      F      C7      Dm

1. Will you come and fol - low Me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true When You but

Gm7      CSUS4      C      F      C7

call your name? Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

Dm      Gm7      C7      F

know And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 side And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 You And nev - er be the same. In Your

KELVINGROVE  
7.6.7.6.7.7.6

# GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Gm7 Bb Am7

let My love be shown, Will you let My  
 risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as  
 use the faith you've found To re - shape the  
 com - pa - ny I'll go Where Your love and

Bb CSUS4 C F C7

name be known, Will you let My life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let Me an - swer  
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, Through My sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

Dm Gm7 Bb/C F

grown In you and you in Me?  
 prayer In you and you in Me?  
 mean In you and you in Me?  
 sound In you and you in Me?  
 grow In You and You in me.

1 Je - sus, Friend, so kind and gen - tle, Lit - tle ones we  
 2 Thou who didst re - ceive the chil - dren To thy - self so  
 3 Grant to us a deep com - pas - sion For thy chil - dren

bring to thee; Grant to them thy dear - est bless - ing,  
 ten - der - ly, Give to all who teach and guide them,  
 ev - ery - where. May we see our hu - man fam - ily

Let thine arms a - round them be; Now en - fold them  
 Wis - dom and hu - mil - i - ty, Vi - sion true to  
 Free from sor - row and de - spair, And be - hold thy

in thy good - ness, From all dan - ger keep them free.  
 keep them no - ble, Love to serve them faith - ful - ly.  
 king - dom glo - rious, In our world so bright and fair. A - men.