

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen / All Night, All Day" (Spirituals, arr. Mark Hayes)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 448: "How Shall I Serve You, Lord?"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (arr. Roy Ringwald)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Sermon: "REASONS FOR OPTIMISM"

Hymn 353: "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Benediction Response 541 (refrain): "Here I Am, Lord"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Daun Ketcheson, Chancel Choir

How Shall I Serve You, Lord?

Joanne Reynolds

Williams' *New Universalist Psalmodist*, 1770

1. How shall I serve You, Lord? Re - veal Your
 2. Am I to build, or teach, Or serve the
 3. How in my dai - ly life, Can I be -
 4. In fol - l'wing where You lead, If I lack
 5. So call me forth to serve, How - ev - er

plan for me; My love for You I would en -
 suff - 'ring, Lord? Must I stay home or jour - ney
 come Your hands? To end op - pres - sion through Your
 need - ed skill, I trust You will e - quip me,
 that may be; I long to learn Your plan for

act, And live o - be - dient - ly.
 far, To wit - ness in this world?
 peace, In liv - ing Your com - mands.
 Lord, to car - ry out Your will.
 me, Then live o - be - dient - ly.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish

Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

Traditional Irish Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

Second verse: "Thou my great Father, till life be done" or "Thy will be done"

Third verse: "nor this world's praise"