

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Consecration Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Oliver Holden, arr. John Rippon) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Gail

Hymn 353: "Be Thou My Vision" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Gail

Consecration Moment - Rachel

Anthem: "Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time" (Albert E. Brumley, arr. Derrick Fox) -

April/Marsha/Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

Sacrament of Baptism: Swayze Lynn, daughter of Jeff and April Lakatos

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

Old Testament Reading: Job 42:1-6 and 10-17 - Rachel

Then Job answered the Lord: 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me." I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.' And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Sermon: "BIG MYSTERY, STRONG FAITH" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 51: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 153: "Siyahamba / We Are Marching" - DeeAnn et al.

1) We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. 2) We are singing in the light of God. . . 3) We are dancing for the Lord is our light. . .

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gail Sawyer, Rachel Gehres,
April Lakatos, Marsha Hacker, 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. Swayze Lynn Lakatos, 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: Jeff and April, you have brought your child here desiring her Christian baptism. You now engage, on your part, to do those things that will show the good will and love of God to her that she 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 her and for her, and that you will keep her within the community of Christ's church? ***We do.***

PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (please stand) 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?

Response of the People: *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 Swayze, that she 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

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 Swayze may be kept close to you all the days of her life. May she grow in grace, in wisdom, in love, and in joy. Keep her now and ever more under the shadow of your wing. Bless her so that she might lead a life well pleasing in your sight. Follow those who so greatly love Swayze 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.

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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"

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

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Spiritual

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Arr. by Hezekiah Brinson, Jr., 1958-

Unison

1. He's got the whole world
 2. He's got the sun and the moon
 3. He's got the wind and the rain
 4. He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
 5. He's got you and me, broth - er,

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WHOLE WORLD
 Irregular