

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 1, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Blessed Assurance" (Fanny Crosby and Phoebe Knapp) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Betty

Hymn 542: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Betty

A Communion Reading - Rachel

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: James 1:17-27 - Rachel

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Sermon: "JUST DO IT!" - Pastor Mark

Special Music: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (American Folk Hymn, arr. Craig Courtney) - Barb/Jen/DeeAnn

Observance of Holy Communion - Pastor Mark and Rachel

Hymn 317: "The Summons" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 541 (refrain): "Here I Am, Lord" - DeeAnn et al.

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 - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rachel Gehres, Barb Fuller, Jen Hall, Betty Briggs

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.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1934-

Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

1. Lord, You give the great com - mis - sion:
 2. Lord, You call us to Your serv - ice:
 3. Lord, You make the com - mon ho - ly:
 4. Lord, You show us love's true meas - ure:
 5. Lord, You bless with words as - sur - ing:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."
 "In My name bap - tize and teach."
 "This My bod - y, this my blood."
 "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."
 "I am with you to the end."


Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 That the world may trust Your prom - ise,
 Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 Yet we hoard as pri - vate treas - ure
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
 Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 All that You so free - ly give.
 May we serve as You in - tend,

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



Help us wit - ness to Your pur - pose
Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
Ask - ing that the world a - round us
May Your care and mer - cy lead us
And, a - mid the cares that claim us,



With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
Clos - er in com - mun - i - ty;
Share Your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
To a just so - ci - e - ty;
Hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us



For the work of min - is - try.

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
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