

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Catherine Winkworth, from *Stralsund Gesangbuch*) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Kathy

Hymn 456: "God of Grace and God of Glory" - DeeAnn/Dave et al.

Opening Prayer - Kathy

Special Music: "Come to the Water" (John B. Foley, S.J., arr. Jack Schrader) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

Parting Thoughts from the Ritters - Rev. Art

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

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 - Rachel

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Sermon: "WISDOM: NOT WHAT YOU THINK" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 313: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" - DeeAnn/Dave et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 571: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" - DeeAnn/Dave et al.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. David Bandfield, Rev. Art Ritter, Barb Fuller, Kathy Farnum, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

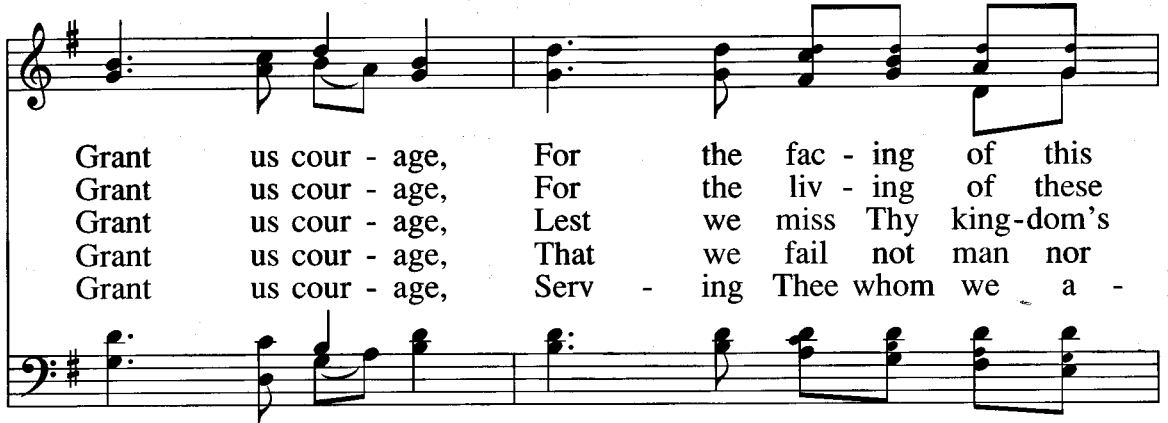
pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an - cient Chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ-like grac - es
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion

Bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 In the fight to set men free. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

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Fourth verse: "In the fight to set us free" and
 "So that we may honor Thee" or "So that we do not fail Thee"

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



Grant us cour - age, For the fac - ing of this
Grant us cour - age, For the liv - ing of these
Grant us cour - age, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's
Grant us cour - age, That we fail not man nor
Grant us cour - age, Serv - ing Thee whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.
dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore. A - men.

God of grace and glory, we lift up our hearts in praise to You this day. You have ever reached out to us in the midst of our sin and darkness to shine Your light of hope into our lives. Before we even knew to call out Your name, You answered our cries. Before our prayers of longing left our lips, You heard and answered.

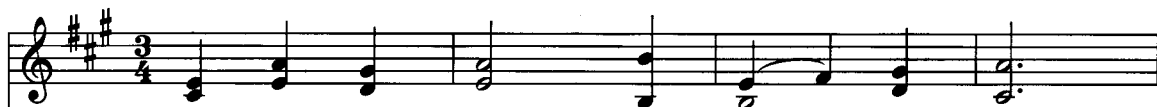
Merciful Lord, we acknowledge that all we are and all we have flows from Your hand. In the power of the Holy Spirit, You free us from the chains that bind us, and so we thank You. By Your gift of grace, You meet our every need, and so we adore You. With Your blessing of love, You anoint us, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, and so we praise You.

Holy God, sanctify us and teach us to serve You as true followers of the Servant King. Grant us wisdom to discern Your will, and courage to walk faithfully in its light, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

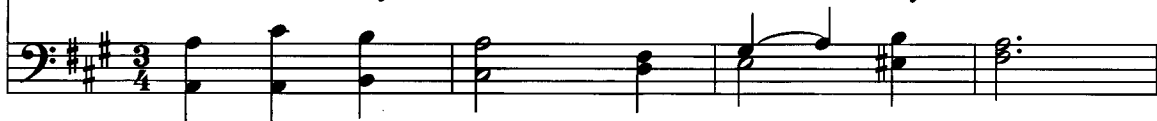
313 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Frank Mason North, 1850-1935

Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life,
 2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need,
 3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness,
 4. The cup of wa - ter giv'n for Thee
 5. O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain - side
 6. Till all Thy chil - dren learn Thy love



Where sound the cries of race and clan, A -
 On shad - owed thresh - olds dark with fears, From
 From wom - an's grief, man's bur - dened toil, From
 Still holds the fresh - ness of Thy grace; Yet
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain; A -
 And fol - low where Thy feet have trod, Till,



bove the noise of self - ish strife, We
 paths where hide the lures of greed, We
 fam - ished souls, from sor - row's stress, Thy
 long these mul - ti - tudes to see The
 mong these rest - less throngs a - bid, O
 glo - rious from Thy heav'n a - bove, Shall



hear Thy voice, O Son of man.
 catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.
 heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 sweet com - pas - sion of Thy face.
 tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
 come the cit - y of our God! A - men.

