

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Lift High the Cross" (Sydney Hugo Nicholson, arr. Cindy Berry) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Roger

Hymn 228: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Roger

Anthem: "By the Mark" (Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, arr. Sheldon Curry) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark
Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn

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

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 - Lorraine

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: "JESUS' WOUNDS, AND OURS" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 379: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Response Hymn 497 (v. 2): "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - DeeAnn et al.

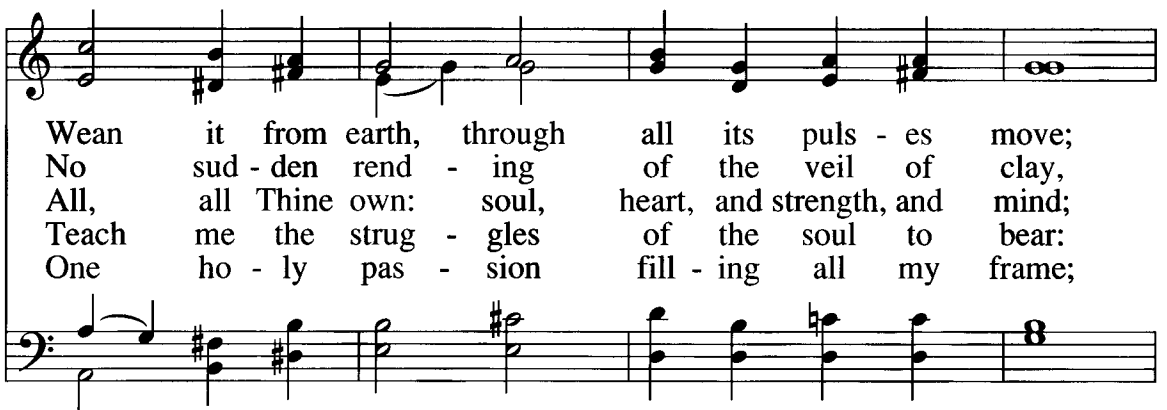
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

Greet One Another - All

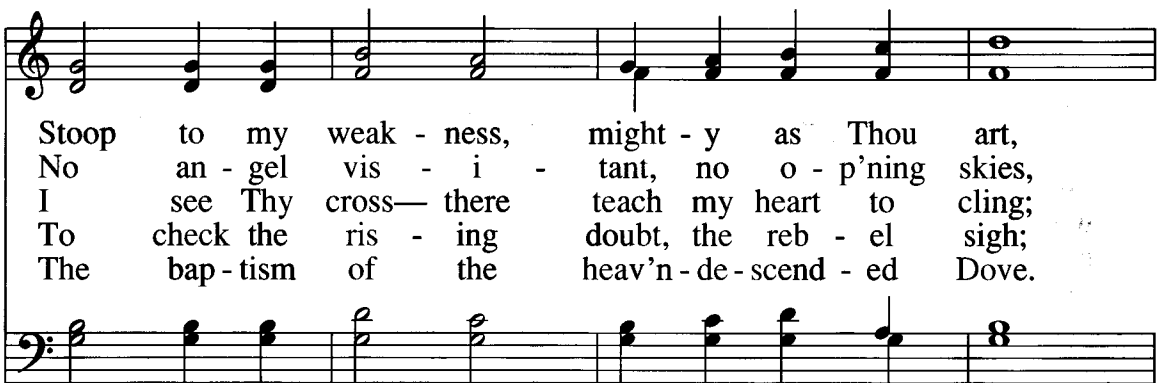
Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Roger Kennedy, Lorraine Finison, Chancel Choir



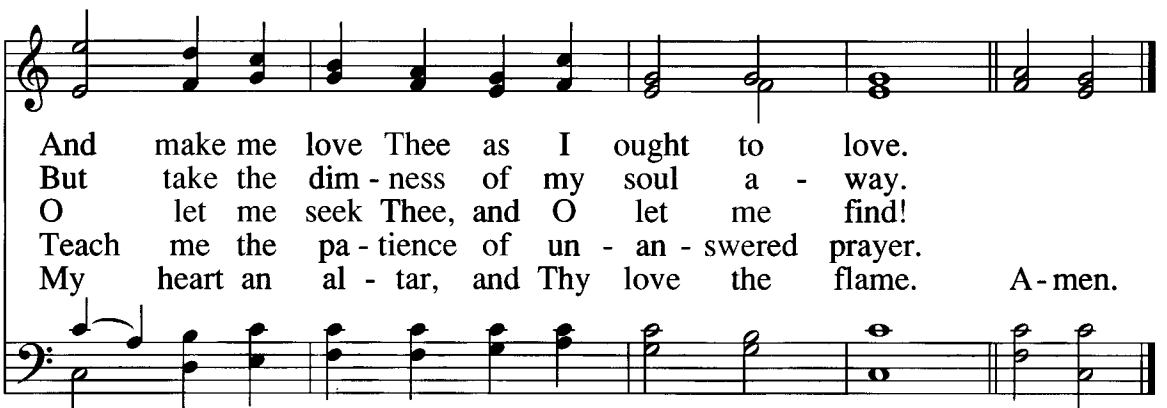
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
 4. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 5. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies,
 I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling;
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove.



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame. A - men.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

379

Spiritual

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Arr. by J. Harold Moyer, 1927-

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses
Unison

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
3. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

D.C.

But then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
You can tell the love of Je-sus, and say, "He died for all!"
And if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.