

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Handbell Prelude: "Nocturne in C minor" (Michael Helman) - FFF/Barb

Opening Sentences - Roger

Hymn 432: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Roger

Special Music: "How Firm a Foundation" (Trad. American Melody, arr. Arnold B. Sherman) - FFF/Barb

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14 - Rachel

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Sermon: "THE PROPHETIC DILEMMA" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 495: "They'll Know We Are Christians" - DeeAnn et al.

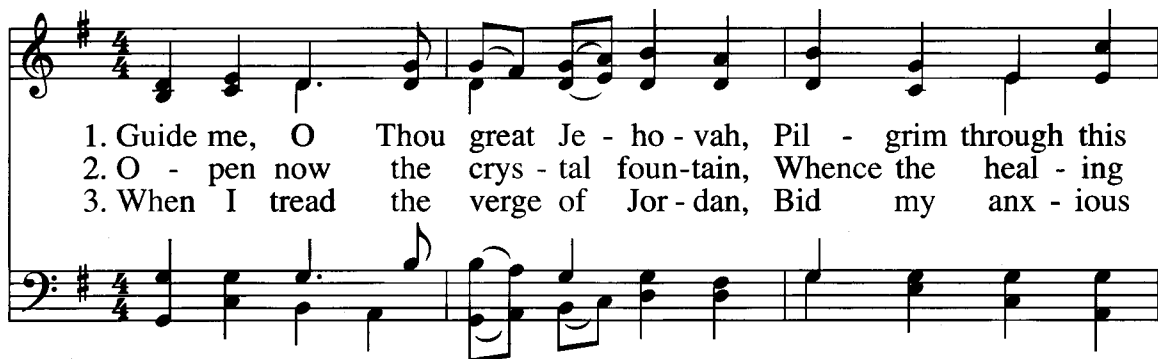
Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 550 (v. 5): "All Are Welcome" - DeeAnn et al.

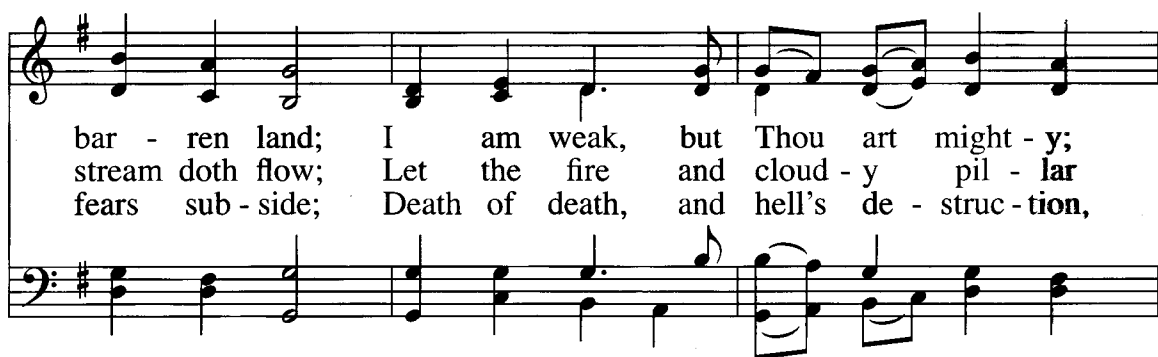
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Greet One Another - All

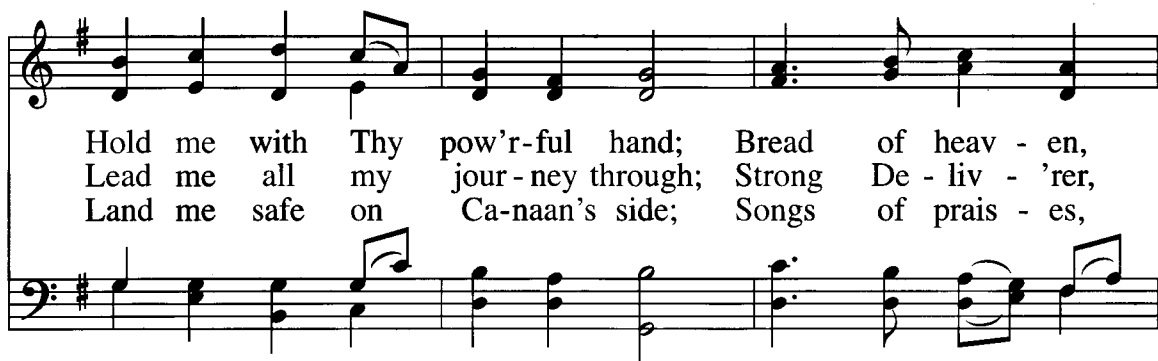
Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Roger Kennedy, Rachel Gehres,
Finison Family and Friends Handbell Ensemble



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand; Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca-naan's side; Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no more,
 strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to Thee,

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



O God of love, of life and light, and of truth, hear our prayer for Your guidance and direction in our daily lives. We hunger for a personal, reciprocal relationship with You so that we may fulfill Your will for us and become everything that You meant each of us to be. Fill us with Your Spirit—for without it we are empty—and renew a right attitude within us.

Our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and we ask for Your infinite mercy and amazing grace. Too often we have denied You in our human weakness. Forgive us and give us strength in our personal lives to overcome that which we must.

O God, we thank You for loving us even when we are the most unlovable. Help us in our striving love more like You: unconditionally. When confronted with a choice, may we constantly ask ourselves the question, "What would Jesus do?" Help us to be more conscious of the needs of others.

Guide us in our efforts, that we may achieve Your way of more abundant, fulfilled living. May Your will be done, and may we accept it. May we humbly ask, "What are Your plans for today, Lord? May we be a part of them?"

Amen.

Rev. Sandy Freud

Unison Fm Cm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

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pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

The first system of music is written for a piano. It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first measure is marked with a Bbm chord. The melody in the treble staff consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and half notes.

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

The second system continues the melody. It starts with a D-flat major chord (two flats) in the treble staff. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff has a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a half note and then a whole note.

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

The third system concludes the piece. It features a Bbm chord, followed by an Fm chord, then a Bbm chord, a Cm chord, and finally an Fm chord. The melody in the treble staff ends with a half note and a whole note. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and half notes.

Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.