

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent  
Reception of New Members

**Welcome and Greeting** - Pastor Mark

**Prelude:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (HYFRYDOL, arr. Mark Hayes) - DeeAnn

**Opening Sentences** - Gretta

**Hymn 550:** "All Are Welcome" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Gretta

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:** The Candle of Joy - Gretta and Aubree

**Anthem:** "Christ in the Stranger's Guise" (Old English Rune, arr. Alfred Burt) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Text: I met a stranger yest're'en; I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the list'ning place, and in the name of the Triune, He blessed myself and my house. My cattle and my loves ones, and the lark sang in His song. Often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

**Receiving New Members** (see insert): Kathy Helma and Marty Taylor

**Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts** - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

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

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:2-11 - Rachel

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**Sermon:** "CHRIST AS STRANGER" - Pastor Mark

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

**Benediction** - Pastor Mark

**Benediction Response 550 (v. 4):** "All Are Welcome" - DeeAnn et al.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gretta Delaney, Aubree Grimes, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

# All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen, 1950-

Marty Haugen, 1950-

*Unison*

C7 F C/E F Bb C

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

Dm C/E F Bb C F/A Dm7

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

Gm7 C Gm7 F/A Bb C7

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

Bb/F F Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of

TWO OAKS  
 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with Refrain  
*Gathering*

# SERVICE MUSIC

F F/A Bb

faith and vault of grace; Here the  
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
vealed in time and space; As we  
im - age of God's face; Let us  
faith and songs of grace, Let this

F Bb A7 Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

Gm Dm Am7 Gm/Bb F/C

All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come

Gm7/C C7 F Bb/F F Bb/F F Bb/F F Bb/C

in this place.

*Last time*

# He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

51

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,

in His hand, He's got the whole world  
 in His hand, He's got the sun and the moon  
 in His hand, He's got the wind and the rain  
 in His hand, He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by  
 in His hand, He's got you and me, sis - ter,

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 in His hand, He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by  
 in His hand, He's got ev - 'ry - bod - y here

in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

WHOLE WORLD  
 Irregular