

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

**Welcome and Greeting** - Pastor Mark

**Prelude:** "I Wanna Be Ready" (Traditional Spiritual) - DeeAnn

(Text: I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John)

**Opening Sentences** - Jerry

**Hymn 441:** "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Jerry

**Anthem:** "In Terra Pax" (Traditional Latin, Mary Lynn Lightfoot) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Translation: And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We worship thee. Grant us peace.

**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

**Old Testament Reading:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, and 8-10 - Rachel

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

**Sermon:** "CELEBRATE OPPORTUNITY" - Pastor Mark

**Hymn 448:** "How Shall I Serve You, Lord?" - DeeAnn et al.

**Benediction** - Pastor Mark

**Benediction Response 578 (v. 1):** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - DeeAnn et al.

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The service is ended; Oh, now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

**Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Rachel Gehres, Choir

1. A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The  
 2. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, Shout  
 3. To give and give, and give a - gain, What

lark is in the sky; The fields are wet with  
 with their shout of praise; See how the gi - ant  
 God hath giv - en thee; To spend thy - self nor

dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry Their  
 sun soars up, Great lord of years and days! So  
 count the cost; To serve right glo - rious - ly The

bles - sings on the Lord of life, As He goes meek - ly by.  
 let the love of Je - sus come And set thy soul a - blaze.  
 God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be.

# How Shall I Serve You, Lord?

Joanne Reynolds

Williams' *New Universalist Psalmodist*, 1770

1. How shall I serve You, Lord? Re - veal Your  
 2. Am I to build, or teach, Or serve the  
 3. How in my dai - ly life, Can I be -  
 4. In fol - l'wing where You lead, If I lack  
 5. So call me forth to serve, How - ev - er

plan for me; My love for You I would en -  
 suff - 'ring, Lord? Must I stay home or jour - ney  
 come Your hands? To end op - pres - sion through Your  
 need - ed skill, I trust You will e - quip me,  
 that may be; I long to learn Your plan for

act, And live o - be - dient - ly.  
 far, To wit - ness in this world?  
 peace, In liv - ing Your com - mands.  
 Lord, to car - ry out Your will.  
 me, Then live o - be - dient - ly.