

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

The Reign of Christ Sunday / Christ the King Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Lorraine

Prelude: "Brother James' Air" (James Leith Macbeth Bain, arr. Larry Sue) - Barb/Handbells

Opening Sentences - Lorraine

Hymn 283: "Now Thank We All Our God" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Lorraine

Anthem: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (arr. Linda Spevacek) - Barb/DeeAnn/Jamie/Choir
(Congregation joins on Verse 1 when cued by Barb)

Verse 1: All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Rachel

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

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

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 - Carin

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Sermon: "GOD WHO REIGNS" - Nathan

Hymn 547: "Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Nathan

Benediction Response 578 (v. 2): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" - DeeAnn et al.

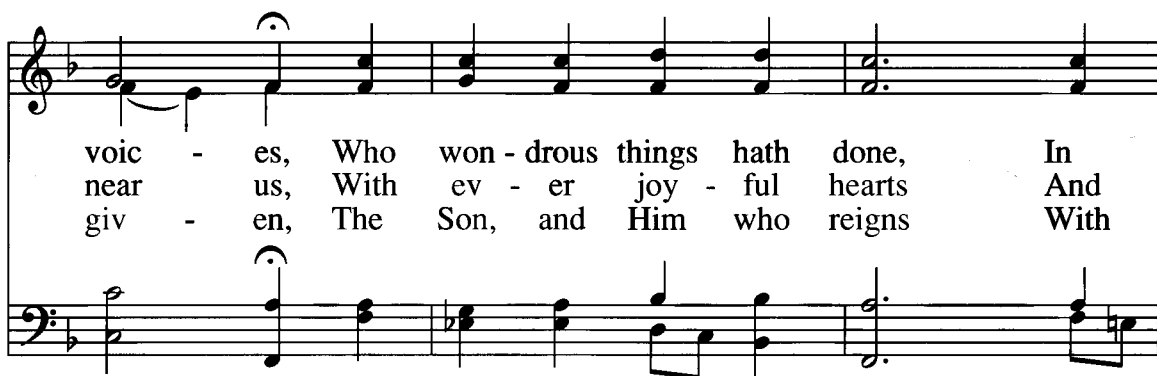
With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Nathan Jones, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison,
Rachel Gehres, Carin Sodeman, Mayflower Ringers, Chancel Choir, Jamie Keller



1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be



voic-es, Who won-drous things hath done, In
near us, With ev-er joy-ful hearts And
giv-en, The Son, and Him who reigns With



whom His world re-joic-es, Who, from our moth-ers'
bless-ed peace to cheer us, And keep us in His
them in high-est heav-en, The one e-ter-nal



arms, Hath blessed us on our way With
grace, And guide us when per-plexed, And
God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore, For

GOD'S REVELATION



Eternal God, high and lifted up and yet within us all,
we come, having spent too much time with our heads down,
and now have the need to be lifted up.

Let us be lifted to a spirit of adoration,
that we may see in life all that is beautiful and good,
excellent and of good report;
that the ugliness and disillusionment of life
may not cause us to be blind to Your love of life.

Lift us up to a spirit of confession.
Forgive us the sins that hurt not just ourselves
but those countless people, near and far,
for whom Your justice is unspoken,
Your kindness is not given,
Your healing is withheld by human neglect.

Lift us up to a spirit of thanksgiving.
Quicken our sense of gratitude for Your lavish heart,
Your gentle hand, Your strong word, Your quiet grace.
Recall to us the homes that have nourished us,
the friends who bless us,
the social securities which we enjoy,
the great books, great music, and great art
that have inspired our own creativity.

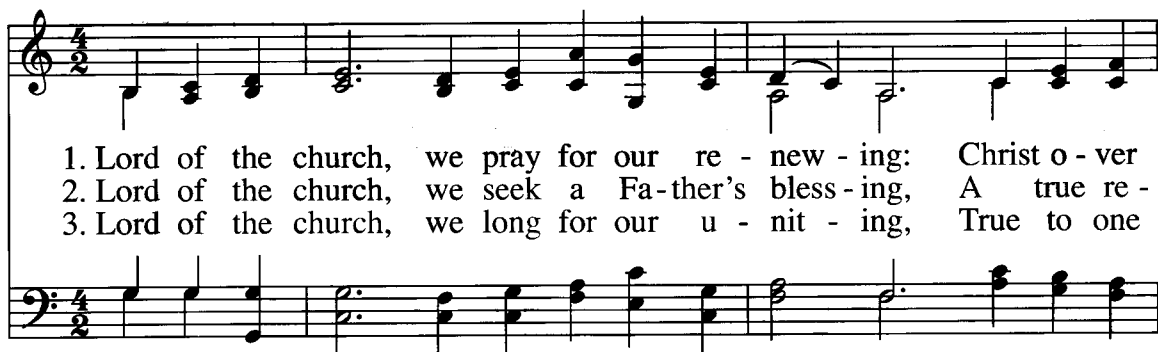
Lift us up to a spirit of intercession.
Save us from the narrowness of our sympathies.
Keep us from our constant provinciality.
Teach us afresh that our sins are often poison to this world.
Widen the borders of our care,
for the sake of our work on behalf of those
who carry burdens far too great for us to imagine,
and who find it difficult to be thankful
in absence of the common things of life—
food, shelter, clothing, and a sense of safety,
as well as the greater things of life—
justice, war, righteousness, healing, and peace.

Make real to us anew Him who loved us and gave Himself for us:
even Jesus Christ, for whom our thanksgiving is never-ending. Amen.

547 Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1936-

Traditional Irish Melody
Arr. by John Barnard, 1948-



1. Lord of the church, we pray for our re - new - ing: Christ o - ver
2. Lord of the church, we seek a Fa - ther's bless - ing, A true re -
3. Lord of the church, we long for our u - nit - ing, True to one



all, our un - di - vid - ed aim. Fire of the
pent - ance and a faith re - stored, A swift o -
call - ing, by one vi - sion stirred; One cross pro -



Spir - it, burn for our en - du - ing, Wind of the
be - dience and a new pos - sess - ing, Filled with the
claim - ing and one faith re - cit - ing, One in the

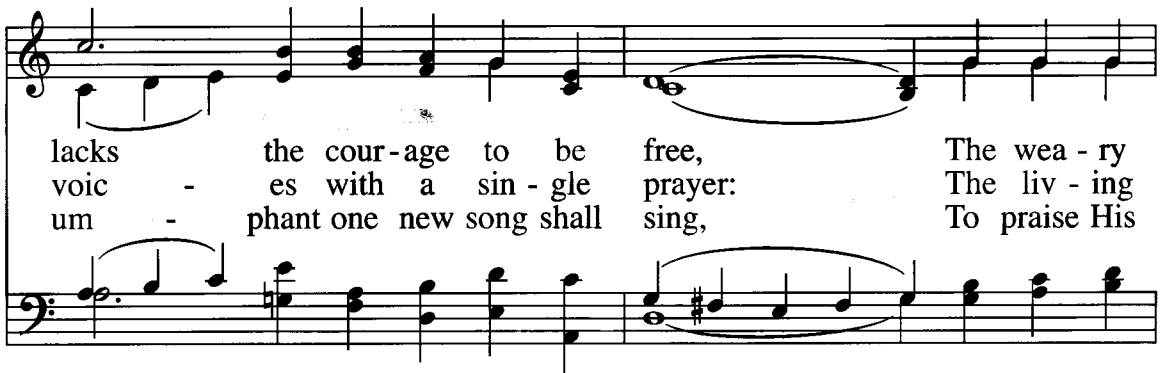


Spir - it, fan the liv - ing flame! We turn to
Ho - ly Spir - it of the Lord! We turn to
truth of Je - sus and His word! So lead us

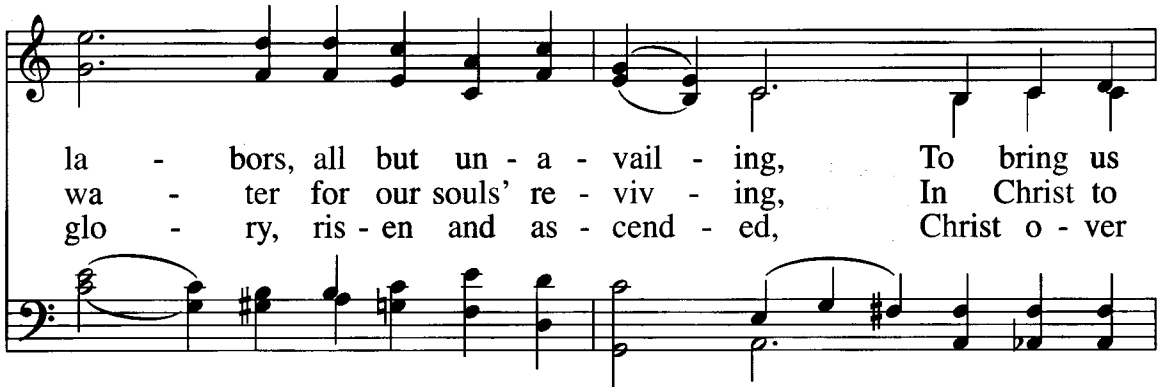
GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



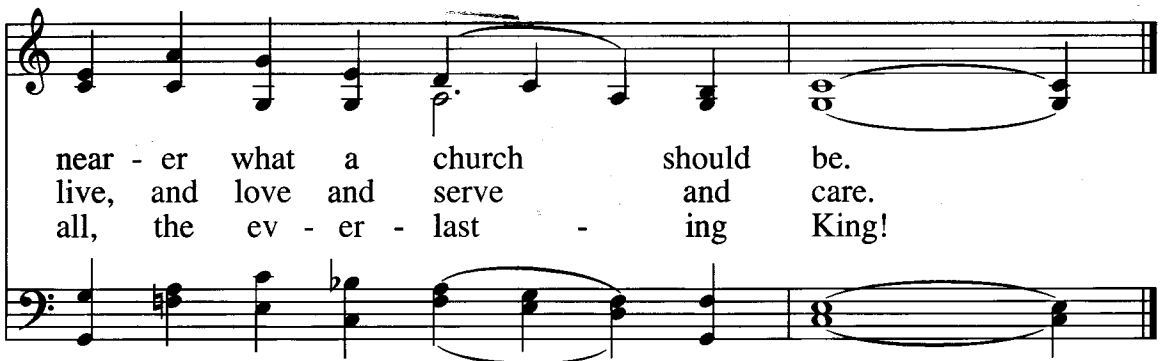
Christ a - mid our fear and fail - ing, The will that
 Christ from all our rest - less striv - ing, Un - num - bered
 on; till toil and trou - ble end - ed, One church tri -



lacks the cour - age to be free, The wea - ry
 voic - es with a sin - gle prayer: The liv - ing
 um - phant one new song shall sing, To praise His



la - bors, all but un - a - vail - ing, To bring us
 wa - ter for our souls' re - viv - ing, In Christ to
 glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed, Christ o - ver



near - er what a church should be.
 live, and love and serve and care.
 all, the ev - er - last - ing King!