

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "This Little Light" (arr. Michael Hassell) - Rev. Dave

Opening Sentences - Rev. Margery

Hymn 260: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Rev. Margery

Anthem: "Down to the River to Pray" (Traditional, arr. Sheldon Curry) - Barb/DeeAnn/Chancel 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: Matthew 15:21-28 - Rachel

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon: "OUR HOPE OF LITTLE DOGS!" - Rev. Dave

Hymn 309: "Micah 6:8" - 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: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. David Bandfield, Barbara Fuller,
Rev. Margery Briggs, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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Ruth Duck, 1947-

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, alt.

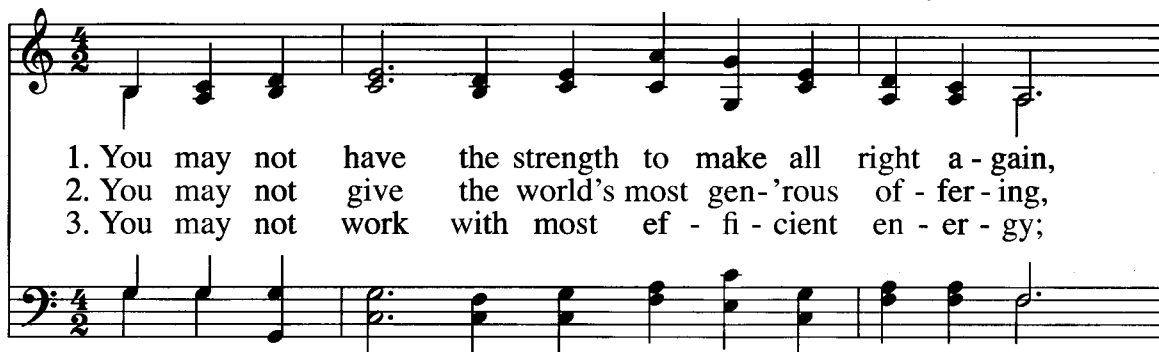
1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, The moon, the wild-flow'rs
 2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night And, wea-ry, wait for
 3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join As part-ners in cre-

grow-ing, For we are part of all that is With-
 morn-ing, When chil-dren have no bread but tears, And
 at-ing A fu-ture free from want and fear, Life's

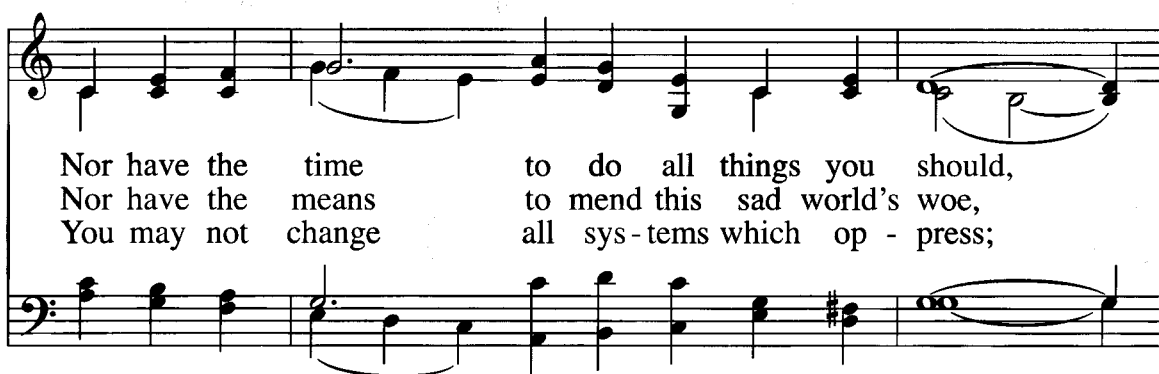
in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-
 war-horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-
 good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons

ceive and share The gifts of God's cre-a-tion, That
 ty to wake, To join in com-mon la-bor, That
 from a-far, In-vites our shared en-deav-or, That

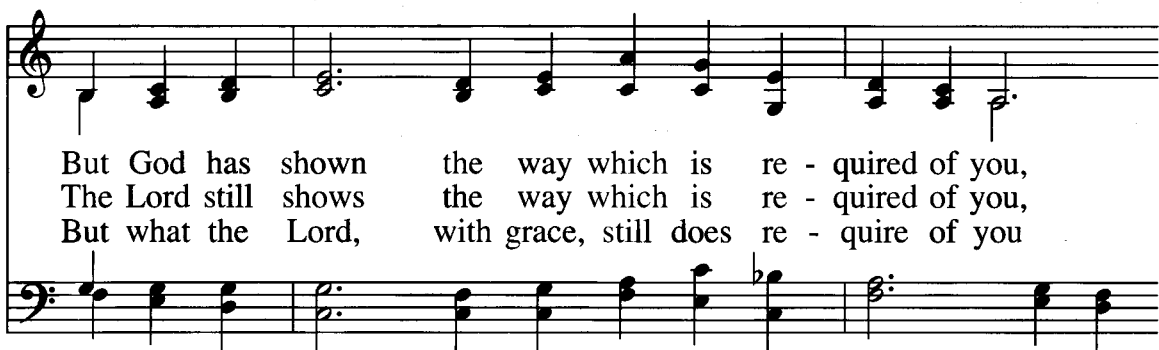
all may have a-bun-dant life In ev-'ry earth-ly na-tion.
 all may have a-bun-dant life In one-ness with their neigh-bor.
 all may have a-bun-dant life And peace en-dure for-ev-er.



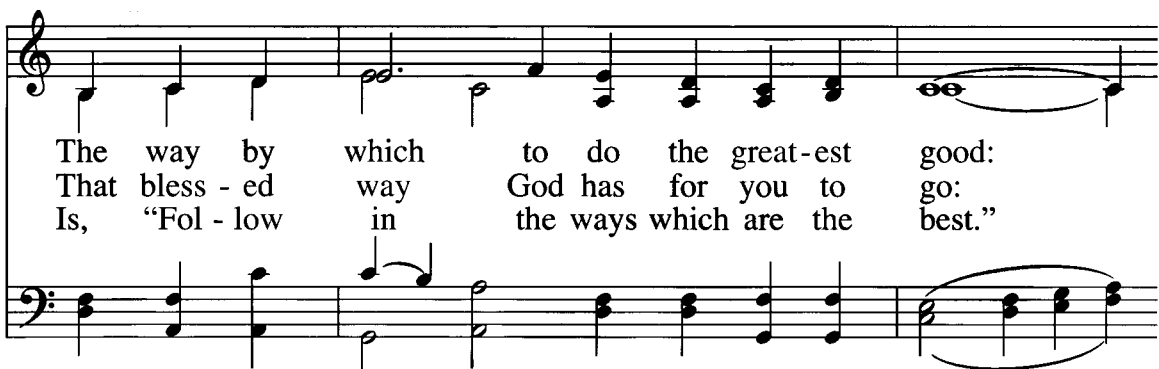
1. You may not have the strength to make all right a - gain,
2. You may not give the world's most gen-'rous of - fer - ing,
3. You may not work with most ef - fi - cient en - er - gy;



Nor have the time to do all things you should,
Nor have the means to mend this sad world's woe,
You may not change all sys-tems which op - press;



But God has shown the way which is re - quired of you,
The Lord still shows the way which is re - quired of you,
But what the Lord, with grace, still does re - quire of you



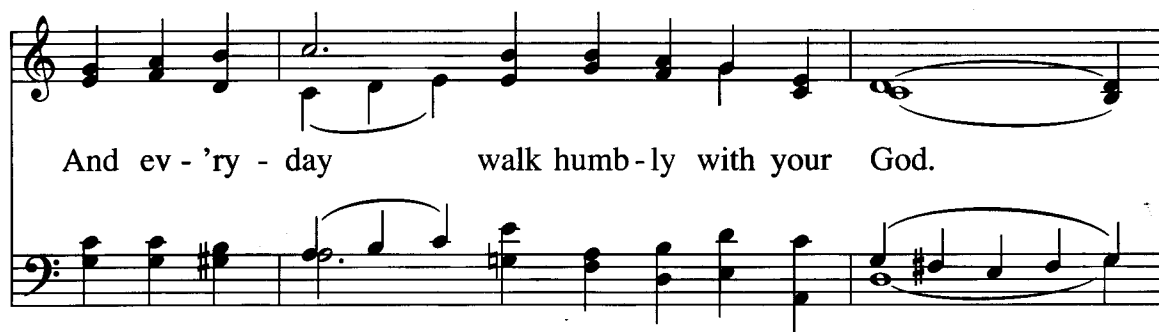
The way by which to do the great-est good:
That bless - ed way God has for you to go:
Is, "Fol - low in the ways which are the best."

GOD'S REVELATION



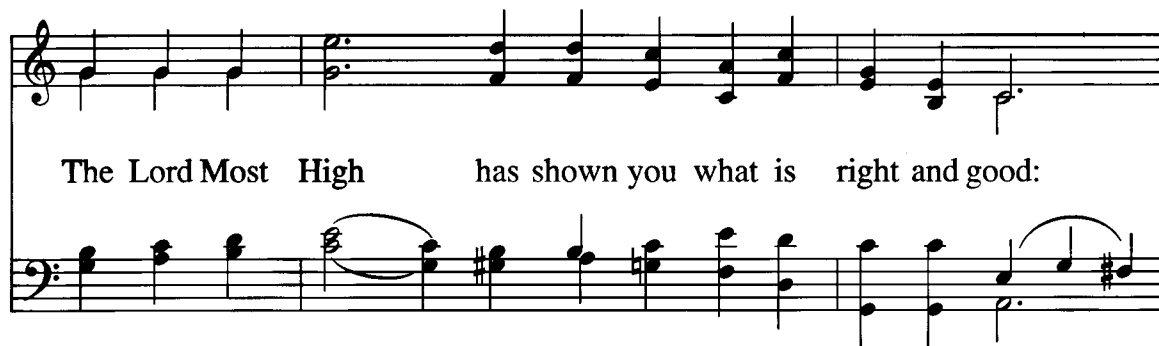
First system of musical notation. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and a final half note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the staves.

You must act just - ly, and you must love mer - cy,



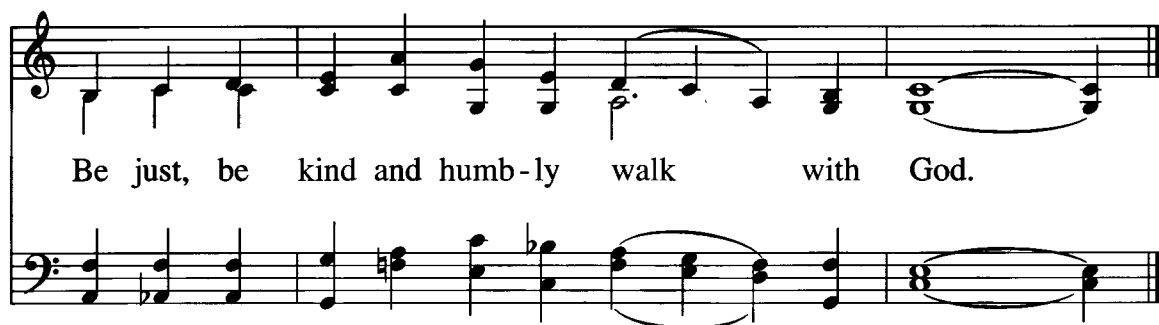
Second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, ending with a long, sustained note. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

And ev - 'ry - day walk humb - ly with your God.



Third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

The Lord Most High has shown you what is right and good:



Fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody, ending with a long, sustained note. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a long, sustained note. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Be just, be kind and humb - ly walk with God.