

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Inspired by Mozart's "Concerto in A Major," arr. Faye Lopez) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Amy

Hymn 265: "Lord of All Hopefulness" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Amy

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert): Brandon Hodges Smith and Sorrel Hodges Smith - Pastor Mark

Anthem: "Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time" (Albert E. Brumley, arr. Derrick Fox) - Barb/Dee/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Margery

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35 - Rachel

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: "AT TABLE, THEN GONE" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 465: "Pass It On" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 533 (v. 1): "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" - DeeAnn et al.

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Pastor Margery Briggs, Amy Jones, Rachel Gehres, Choir

Sacrament of Baptism

WORDS OF PREPARATION: One of the most significant celebrations of the Christian Church is the Sacrament of Baptism. As we witness the sacrament, we are reminded of our own baptism, of God's claim upon us, and of our own call to be part of the ministry of Christ's reconciliation and of God's mercy. We remember that God has called us each by name and that we all are unique and treasured children of God. The sacrament of baptism is a visible and outward sign of the grace of God.

For centuries, baptism has been the way of entrance into the universal church of Jesus Christ. It is the recognition of the goodness of God in each and every child. In baptism we acknowledge the need for fresh wisdom and strength gifted to us in each and every generation. Brandon Hodges Smith and Sorrel Hodges Smith, the God who claimed Jesus as his beloved Son, and who has claimed each of us as beloved children, today claims you as beloved children.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hear these words from the gospel of Matthew: At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put in front of them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

PROMISES OF THE PARENTS: De'Von and Asia, you have brought your children here desiring their Christian baptism. You now engage, on your part, to do those things that will show the good will and love of God to them that they may grow in the love, nurture, and direction of the Lord.

Do you promise that you will teach these children the principles of the Christian faith and that you will pray with them and for them, and that you will keep them within the community of Christ's church? ***We do.***

PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (please stand): Do you, the members and friends of this church, representing the whole Body of Christ, receive these children into your love and care, and do you promise that so far as you are able, you will uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their promise this day? ***We promise our love, support, and care.***

BLESSING OF THE WATER: Throughout the story of faith, water has been a way in which God has delivered the faithful. In creation, God brought forth the beauty of creation from the raging water. The people of Israel crossed the waters of the Red Sea on their way to a land of promise. Jesus was baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan and heard the voice of God which claimed him as a beloved Son.

Bless this water by your Holy Spirit, Gracious God. By your Spirit, create new life in Brandon and Sorrel, that they may rise in glory and beauty in Christ. Glory to you, the one who was, and is, and ever shall be. AMEN.

ACT OF BAPTISM and PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all): Almighty God, we give thanks to you that you have numbered us among your people and that you called our little ones to yourself. Grant that Brandon and Sorrel may be kept close to you all the days of their lives. May they grow in grace, in wisdom, in love, and in joy. Keep them now and ever more under the shadow of your wing. Bless them so that they might lead lives well pleasing in your sight. Follow those who so greatly love them with your tender and enabling Spirit. Grant to them wisdom, patience, and strength. May the lives they lead and the words they speak reflect your name of love. We pray in the name of Jesus, AMEN.

Lord of All Hopefulness

Jan Struther, 1901-1953

Traditional Irish Melody
Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

Unison

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, Whose
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, Whose
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, Your
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, Whose

trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy, Be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
 hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace, Be
 voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, Be

there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, Your
 there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, Your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. A - men.

Pass It On

Kurt F. Kaiser, 1934—

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1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
 2. What a won - drous time is spring— when all the trees are
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that

go - ing, And soon all those a - round can
 bud - ding, The birds be - gin to sing, the
 I've found— pass it on! You can de - pend on Him, it

warm up in its glow - ing; That's how it is with
 flow - ers start their bloom - ing; That's how it is with
 mat - ters not where you're bound; pass it on! *I'll shout it from the

God's love, once you've ex - pe - ri-enced it: You
 God's love, once you've ex - pe - ri-enced it: You
 moun-tain top, I want my world to know: The

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
 want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

*Repeat last time.

PASS IT ON

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

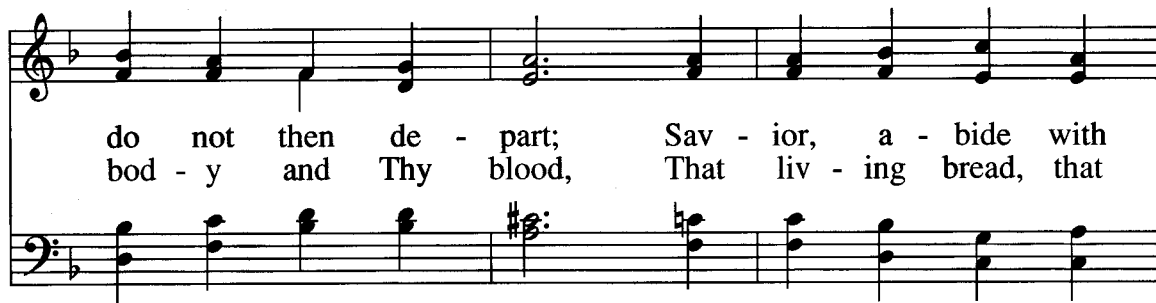
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James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Be known to us in break - ing bread, But
2. There sup with us in love di - vine; Thy



do not then de - part; Sav - ior, a - bide with
bod - y and Thy blood, That liv - ing bread, that



us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food. A - men.