

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "The Church's One Foundation" (Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Cindy Berry) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Roger

Hymn 443: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Roger

Special Music: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Thomas O. Chisholm, arr. Brian Būda) - Nathan

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

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47 - Rachel

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Sermon: "THE TROUBLE WITH SHARING" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 495: "They'll Know We Are Christians" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

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: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Pastor Margery Briggs, Roger Kennedy, Rachel Gehres, Nathan Jones, Choir

1. Called as part - ners in Christ's serv - ice, Called to min - is -
 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to
 3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der

tries of grace, We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment
 work and worth, Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring,
 glob - al sense, Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens,
 hu - man life That sur - round each per - son's sor - row

Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of
 Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth. Men and wom - en, rich - er,
 Break - ing down each wall or fence. Words of com - fort, words of
 With a calm that con - quers strife. Make us part - ners in our

shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend, E - qual part - ners
 poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old, Blend - ing hu - man
 vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care, Bring new pow'r and
 liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease, Mes - sen - gers of

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God's Covenant People'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are centered between the two staves.

in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

There are not enough of us to do Your work here on earth, Lord! Many of us have been in Your service for years and know that every effort we make in Your name becomes a blessing to us. The problem we have is enabling others to know that blessing as well. Lord, guide us in this endeavor! Help us seize the opportunities you present to us by providing us with the necessary words and actions to witness to the joy of a lifetime in Your service. As for me and my house, we have come to know that the longer, the deeper, and the broader our service has been to You, the closer we have come to Your presence. Help us to grow stronger in Your presence. Reveal to us the areas of life where our love has made all the difference in the life of another. Make us proud to be in Your service, and challenge us to affirm those who would join us in building Your kingdom. Thank You, Father, for the excitement of the journey we have made together. Thank You for the hills and valleys that have made life interesting, and thank You for the example of our Brother Jesus, who not only shows us how to walk in Your way, but walks for us when we are unwilling or unable. We give You all praise, because without You there is no meaning to our lives. Amen.

They'll Know We Are Christians

John 13:35

Peter Scholtes, 1938-

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Unison Fm Cm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

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pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Traditional Welsh Melody

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
 2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To You ev - er

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take
 liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The serv - ice is end - ed; Oh, now be ex -
 face, Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of our wor - ship in all who be -
 car - ing, Em - brac - ing Your chil - dren of each tribe and

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lieve. The seed of His teach-ing, Re - cep - tive souls
 race. With Your feast You feed us; With Your light now

reach-ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His
 lead us. U - nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us; His love shall u - nite us To
 may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks-giv - ing Give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear. A - men.