

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" (Spiritual, arr. Cindy Berry) - DeeAnn

Words of Invitation - Gail

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

Gathering Prayer - Gail

Special Music: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Allen Pote) - Barb/Shannon/DeeAnn

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sung; follow instructions) - Pastor Mark/Shannon

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 - Lorraine

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon: "HEAVEN BEGINS HERE" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 509: "Covenant Hymn" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 580 (v. 1): "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" - DeeAnn et al.

God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barbara Fuller, Gail Sawyer, Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

260

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.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

509

Covenant Hymn

Ruth 1:16

Rory Cooney, 1957-

Gary Daigle, 1952-

F FADD9 F

1. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Wher-
 2. What - ev - er you dream, I am with you, When
 3. And though you should fall, you will find Me, When
 4. Wher - ev - er you die, I will be there To
 5. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Be -

Bb Gm7/C F Gm7/C F

ev - er you live is My home. Though days be of
 stars call your name in the night. Though shad - ows and
 no oth - er friend can you claim, When foes beat you
 sing you to sleep with a psalm, To soothe you with
 hold! The ho - ri - zon shines clear. The pos - si - ble

FADD9 F Gm7 Gm7/F Ebmaj7 Bb/D

bless - ing or sor - row, Though house be of can - vas or
 mist cloud the fu - ture, To - geth - er we bear there a
 down or be - tray you And oth - ers de - sert you in
 tales of our jour - ney, Your fears and your doubts I will
 gleams like a cit - y: To - geth - er we've noth - ing to

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Gm7 C7/Bb Am7 DSUS4 D

stone, light. shame. calm. fear. Though E - den be lost to the past, Like A - bram and Sar - ah we stand, When home and dreams aren't e - nough, We'll live when jour - neys are done So speak with words bold and true Though With And For - The

Gm7 Bbm6/Db Gm7/C

moun - tains be - fore us be vast, on - ly a prom - ise in hand. you run a - way from My love, ev - er in mem - 'ry as one. mes - sage My heart speaks to you. Wher - But I'll And You

F/A Gm7 Am7 Dm7

ev - er you go, I am with you, I lead where you dream: I will fol - low. To raise you from where you have fall - en. And we will be bur - ied to - geth - er, Wher - won't be a - lone, I have prom - ised.

Gm7 Bb/C FSUS4 F

nev - er will leave you a - lone. dream with you is My de - light. Faith - ful to you is My name. wak - en to greet a new dawn. ev - er you go, I am here.