

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" (Spiritual, arr. Hal Leonard) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Wendy

Hymn 267: "Morning Has Broken" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Wendy

Special Music: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Thomas A. Dorsey and George N. Allen, arr. Rick Specht) - Jill/DeeAnn

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 - Lorraine

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for 20 pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Sermon: "FATE. . . OR FREEDOM?" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 252: "O Word of God Incarnate" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

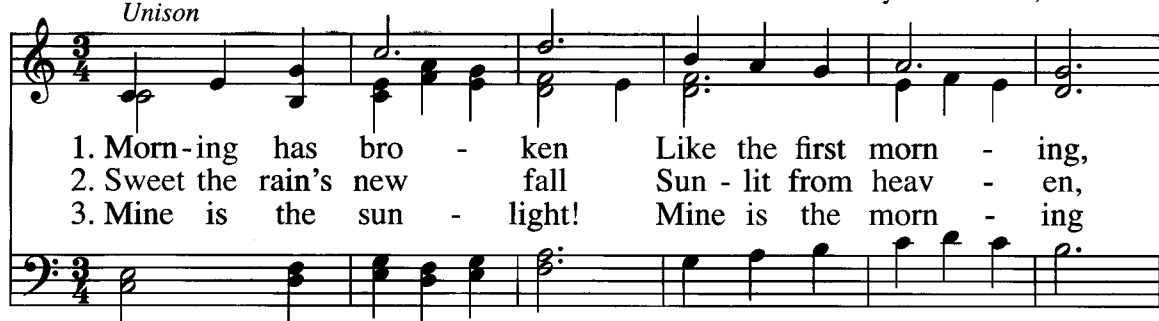
Benediction Response 421 (v. 1): "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" - DeeAnn et al.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper rev'rence, praise.

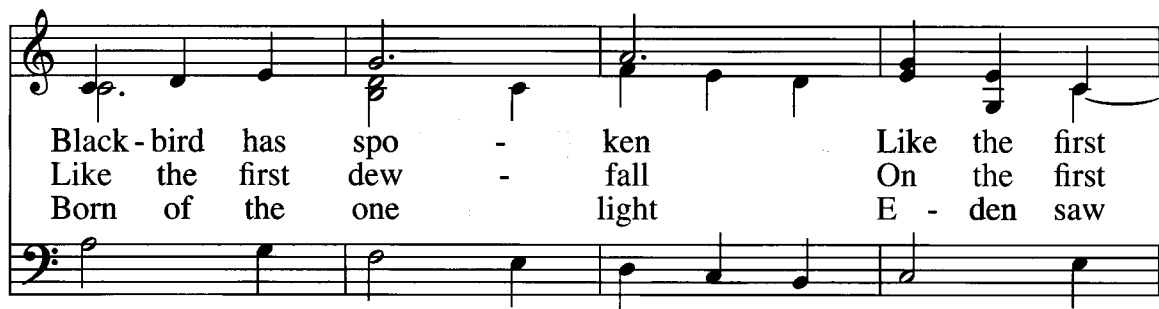
Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barbara Fuller, Wendy Kushion, Lorraine Finison, Jill Young

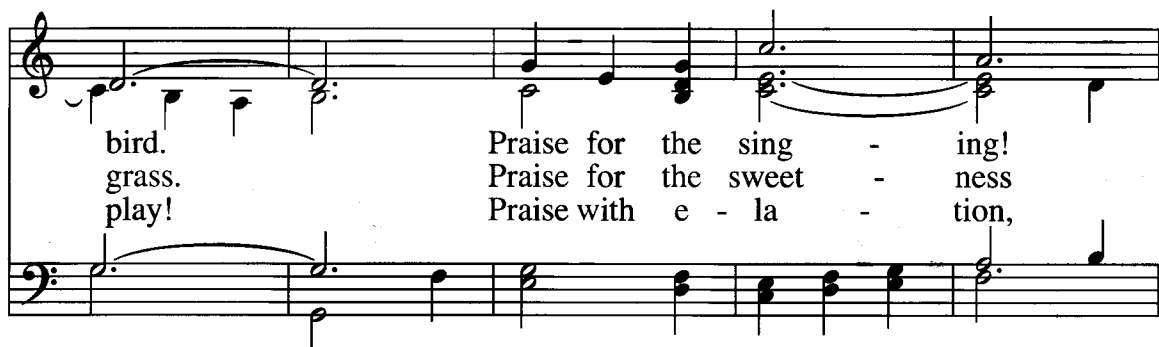
Unison



1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



Black - bird has spo - ken Like the first
 Like the first dew - fall On the first
 Born of the one light E - den saw



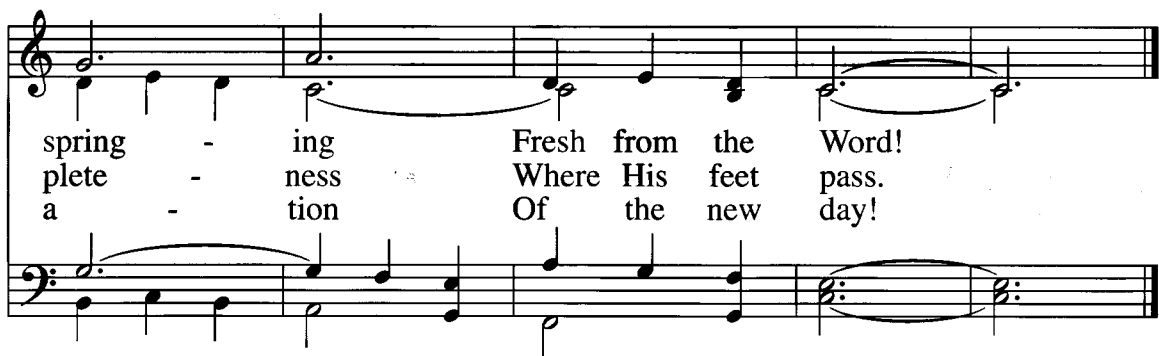
bird.
 grass.
 play!

Praise for the sing - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness
 Praise with e - la - tion,



Praise for the morn - ing!
 Of the wet gar - den,
 Praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,

Praise for them,
 Sprung in com -
 God's re - cre -



spring - ing
 plete - ness
 a - tion

Fresh from the Word!
 Where His feet pass.
 Of the new day!

O Word of God Incarnate

William W. How, 1823–1897

Neu-vermehrtes Gesanbuch, Meiningen, 1693

Harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

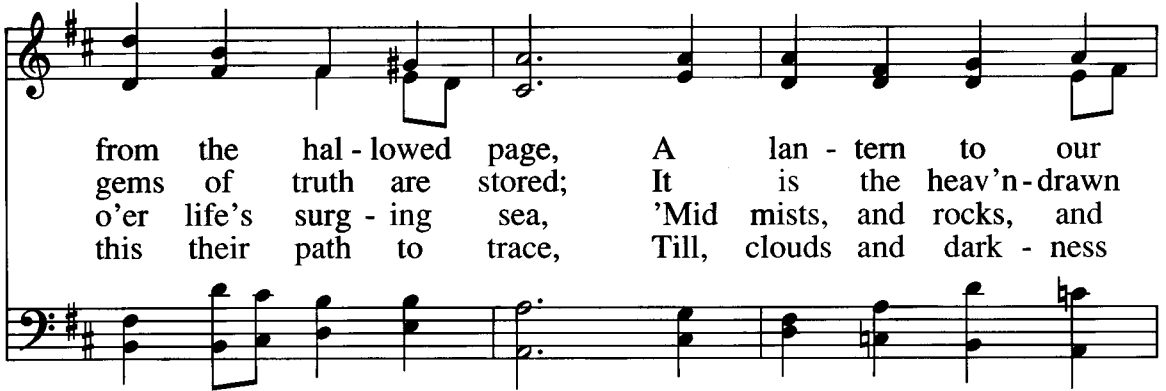
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O
 2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter Re -
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner Be -
 4. O make Thy Church, dear Sav - ior, A

Wis - dom from on high, O Truth un - changed, un -
 ceived the gift di - vine, And still that light she
 fore God's host un - furled; It shin - eth like a
 lamp of bur - nished gold, To bear a - mong the

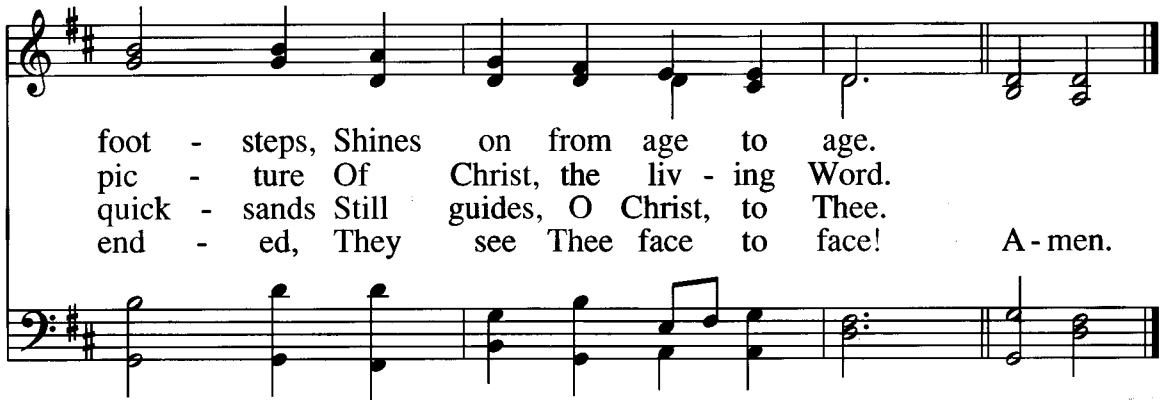
chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
 lift - eth O'er all the earth to shine.
 bea - con A - bove the dark - ling world;
 na - tions Thy true light as of old!

We praise Thee for the ra - diance That
 It is the gold - en cas - ket Where
 It is the chart and com - pass That
 O teach Thy wan - d'ring pil - grims By

GOD'S REVELATION



from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern to our
gems of truth are stored; It is the heav'n - drawn
o'er life's surg - ing sea, 'Mid mists, and rocks, and
this their path to trace, Till, clouds and dark - ness



foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
end - ed, They see Thee face to face! A - men.

Heavenly Father, Your light guides us through all of the depth of our needs in a darkened world. Your light makes brilliant our forgiven lives as we live faithfully in the freedom to be Your children. Just as the sunlight is one of the elements needed to make Your creation flourish and grow, so Your light strengthens us and allows us to clearly see Your glory. Be with Your people as we gather in Your name to sing Your mighty praise. What a gift to know that You have made us royal members of Your kingdom! Thank You for opening our eyes to the light of Your word. Amen.