

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday After Christmas
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (CRUSADER'S HYMN, arr. Cindy Berry) - *DeeAnn*

Opening Sentences - Nate

Hymn 275: "All Beautiful the March of Days" - *DeeAnn et al.*

Opening Prayer - Nate

Special Music: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (John H. Hopkins, Jr.) - *Barb*

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: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 - *Pastor Margery*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Sermon: "TIME MANAGEMENT" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion (see insert)

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

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 1 (v. 1): "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" - *DeeAnn et al.*

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Pastor Margery Briggs, Nate Jones

COMMUNION RITUAL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of grace and mercy, we confess that we haven't loved you with our whole hearts. We fall short of what you desire for us, as individuals caught up in selfishness and fear, and as a community of faith that sometimes forgets your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Forgive us, O God. Lift us from despair to hope, from division to unity, and from apathy to love. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in your ways and find joy in your will. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Hear the good news: no matter how far we wander, we cannot outrun the reach of God's grace. In Christ, we are forgiven, embraced, and made whole. At this table, we remember that Jesus welcomed all—the one who betrayed him, the ones who fled in fear, and all who longed for hope and belonging. We come, not because we are perfect, but because we are deeply loved.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right that we give you thanks, O God. You shaped us in your image and breathed life into us. Even when we turned away, your love never let us go. Through prophets, teachers, and covenant, you've kept calling us home. And so, with all creation, we join the unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Minister: Friends, this is not my table, or the church's table. This is Christ's table, open to all who desire to know God's love. You need not be a member of any church. Bring only your hunger, your hope, your longing. Here, we acknowledge our sins, our failures, and our disappointments. Here, we present ourselves to God—who meets us as we are, loves us where we are, and draws us toward wholeness. So come, for all is ready.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Minister: On the night when he was handed over, Jesus gathered with his friends around a common table. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant—my very life, poured out in love for you. Whenever you drink it, remember me." And so, when we eat this bread and drink this cup, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and the love that will never let us go.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Thank you, God, for this sacred meal where you have shared yourself with us. Here we are renewed and reminded that your love is stronger than fear, your hope is deeper than despair, and Christ lives within us always. Send us out strengthened in faith and love, ready to serve and build your Beloved Community, until all are fed, welcomed, and free. Amen.

Frances W. Wile, 1878-1939

Traditional English Melody

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As

2. O'er white ex - pans - es spar - kling pure The

3. O Thou from whose un - fath - omed law The

sea - sons come and go; The hand that shaped the
 ra - diant morns un - fold; The sol - emn splen - dors
 year in beau - ty flows, Thy - self the vi - sion

rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow,
 of the night Burn bright - er through the cold.
 pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,

Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heav'n, The
 Life mounts in ev - 'ry throb - bing vein, Love
 Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And

GOD'S REVELATION

flow - ing wa - ters sealed, And laid a si - lent
deep - ens round the hearth, And clear - er sounds the
night to night pro - claim, In ev - er - chang - ing

love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.
an - gel hymn, "Good will to men on earth."
words of light, The won - der of Thy name.

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.

