

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Gail

Hymn 485: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Gail

Anthem: "With a Voice of Singing" (Martin Shaw) - Barb/Choir/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

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11 - Rachel

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sermon: "A PRAYER, OVERHEARD" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 248: "How Firm a Foundation" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response: "Shalom to You" - DeeAnn et al.

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gail Sawyer, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4. Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, Washed in our Re -

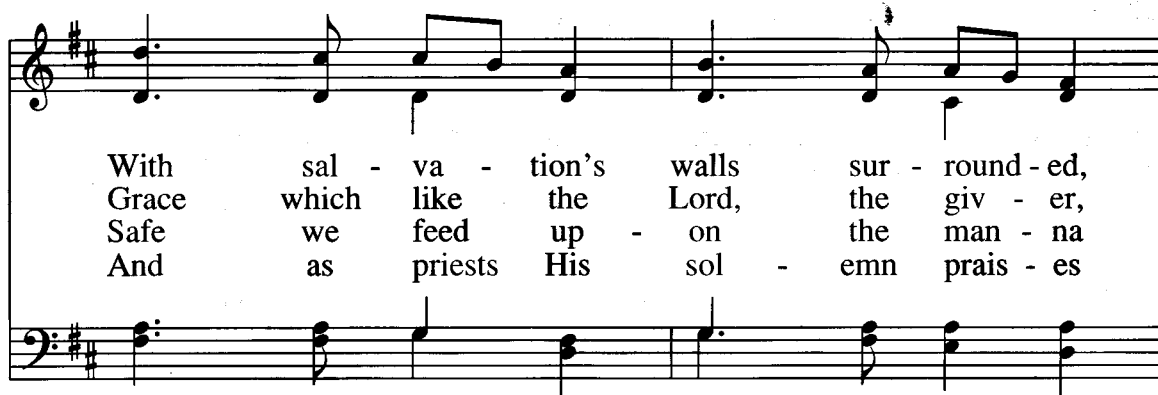
of our God; God, whose word can - not be bro - ken,
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
 deem - er's blood; Je - sus, whom our souls re - ly on,

Formed thee for His own a - bode. On the Rock of
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint while
 Show - ing that the Lord is near! Thus de - riv - ing
 Makes us mon - archs, priests to God. Us, by His great

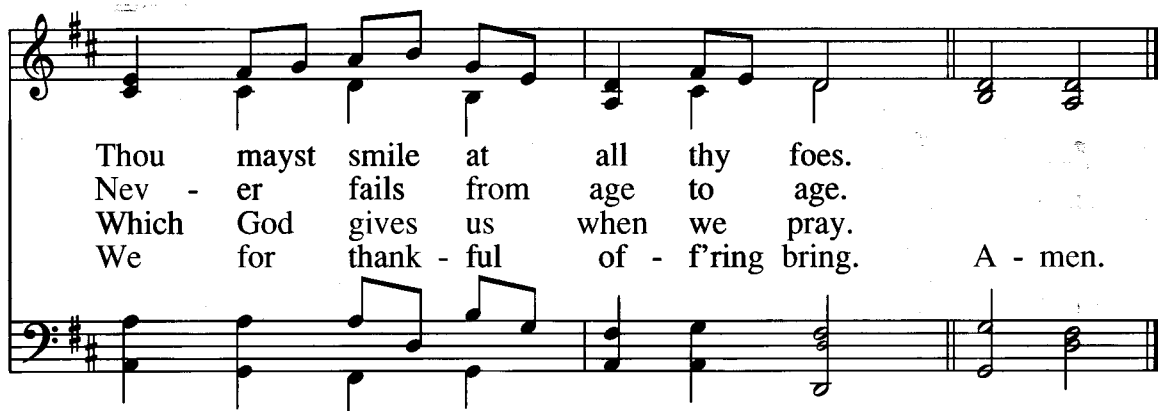
A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
 from our ban - ner Light by night and shade by day,
 love, He rais - es, Rul - ers o - ver self to reign,

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,
Grace which like the Lord, the giv - er,
Safe we feed up - on the man - na
And as priests His sol - emn prais - es



Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
Nev - er fails from age to age.
Which God gives us when we pray.
We for thank - ful of - f'ring bring. A - men.

Gracious God, the gifts of Your creation abound in our midst. We are filled with prosperity given by Your hand and the power of Your thoughts. We are thankful for these blessings. Teach us, we pray, to be good stewards of this creation, that the generations we birth may also reap the bounty of Your earth.

All-powerful God, we are oft perplexed by the world in which You have placed us. Cries for justice and peace arise from every corner of the earth, yet we hear of wars, rumors of wars and oppressive injustice. Instill in us the vision of Your kingdom, built in grace and love for all peoples, whatever their religion or creed. Teach us the value of grace as we endeavor to love You with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves. Give us the courage to absorb the hurt and anger of those who would oppress, and the wisdom to act toward others in the same manner we desire others to act toward us.

God of all creation, remind us of our part today in calling forth each tomorrow through the thousand little things we do to and for our immediate neighbors, friends and family. Remind us of our part today in calling forth tomorrow's world by being accountable in our places of work, worship and influence, and by holding accountable those we have elected to public office. Remind us this day of our partnership with You in creating every tomorrow.

Hear our prayers, O God, for we lift them to You in faith and hope based upon the promises of Your Christ, in whose name we live and move and have our being. Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Traditional American Melody
Caldwell's, *Union Harmony*, 1837

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
 The riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee, thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!" A - men.