MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - *Pastor Mark*

Prelude: "Blessed Assurance" (Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Hal Leonard) - *DeeAnn*

Words of Invitation - *Roger*

Hymn 500 (vs. 1,4,6,7,8): "For All the Saints" - *DeeAnn et al.*

Gathering Prayer - *Roger*

Special Music: "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" (Southern American Folk Hymn) - *Michael/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*

A Moment of Remembrance - *Pastor Mark*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 - *Pastor Margery*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon: **"ARE WE 'ALL' SAINTS?"** - *Pastor Mark*

Observance of Holy Communion (see inserts) - *Pastor Mark and Pastor Margery*

Hymn 506: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" - *DeeAnn et al.*

Benediction - *Pastor Mark*

Choral Benediction Response: "May the Road Rise to Meet You" (Charles Kirby) - *DeeAnn/Choir*

Greet One Another - *All*

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Pastor Margery Briggs, Michael Judd, Roger Kennedy, Choir

Mayflower Church Covenant

We are a Christian church on a journey of worship, sacrament, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbors, both within our community and beyond. As God has made covenant with us, we covenant to love, care, and support one another, and to be prayerfully present with each other as we navigate the challenges of life. We celebrate diversity with the unique perspectives, backgrounds, and gifts each individual brings to our community. We seek to provide a safe space for questions, doubts, and exploration, encouraging lifelong quests of learning, growing, and deepening our understanding of scripture and the love of God. We pursue open and honest communication with respect for personal conscience. We commit ourselves to be faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures, to further the work of God's kingdom on earth. We affirm this covenant with open hearts and minds, trusting in the grace of God and the love of Christ.

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.

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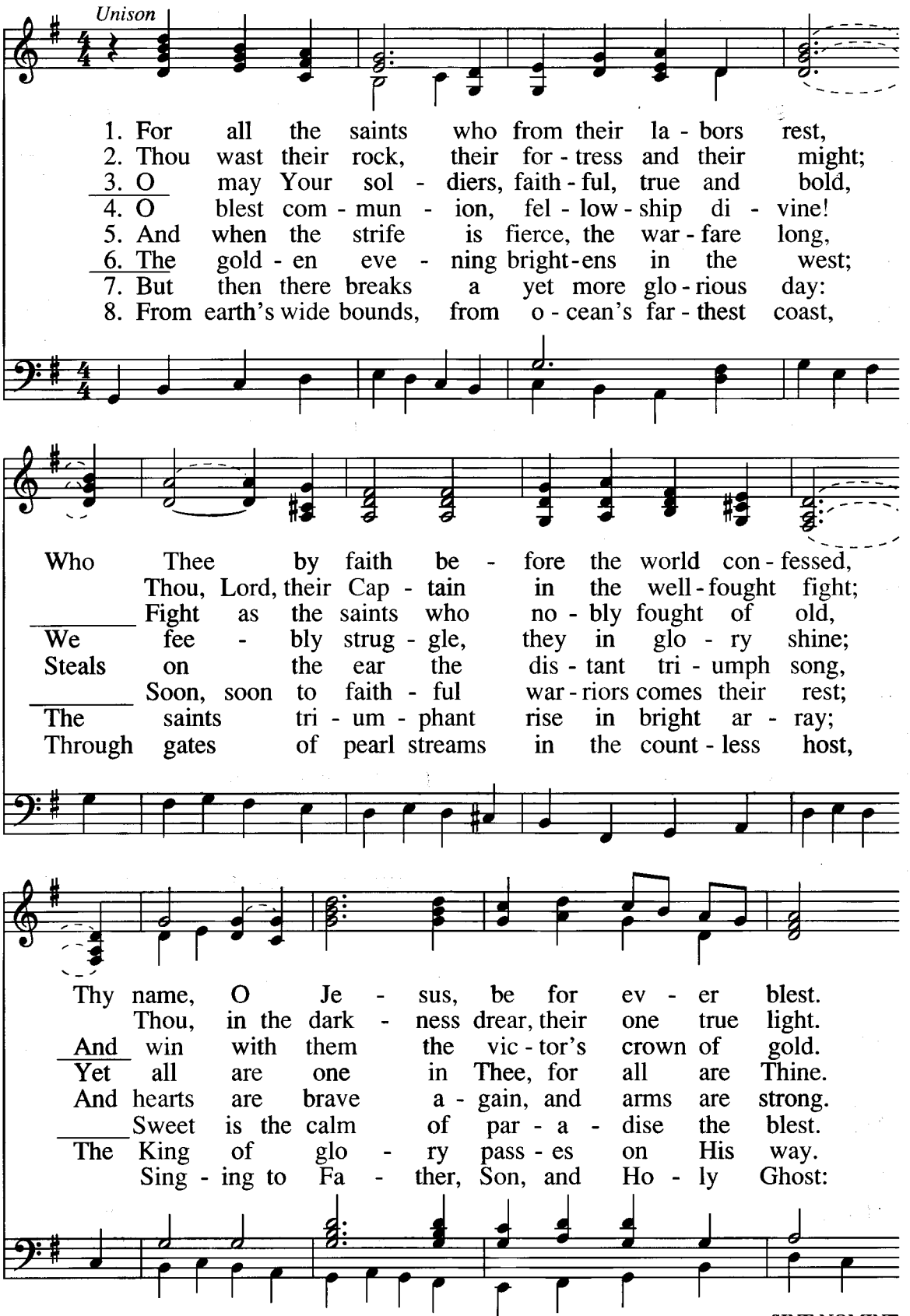
All: **Thank you, God, for this sacred meal where you have shared yourself with us. Here we are renewed and reminded that your love is stronger than fear, your hope is deeper than despair, and Christ lives within us always. Send us out strengthened in faith and love, ready to serve and build your Beloved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

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE
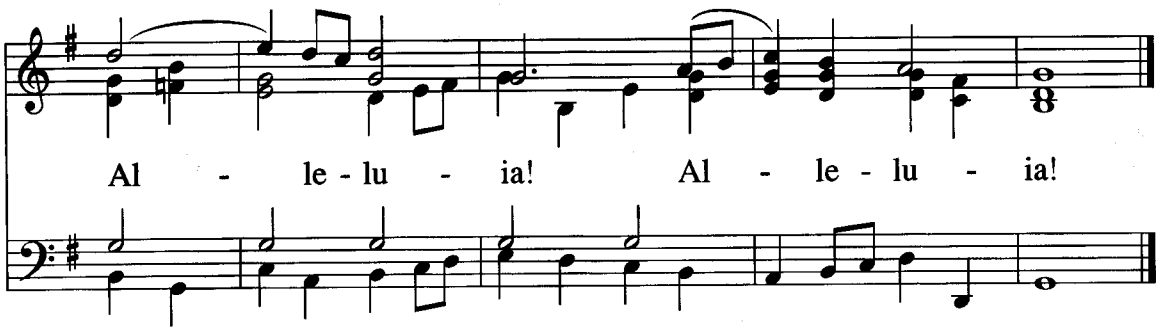
500 For All the Saints

William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
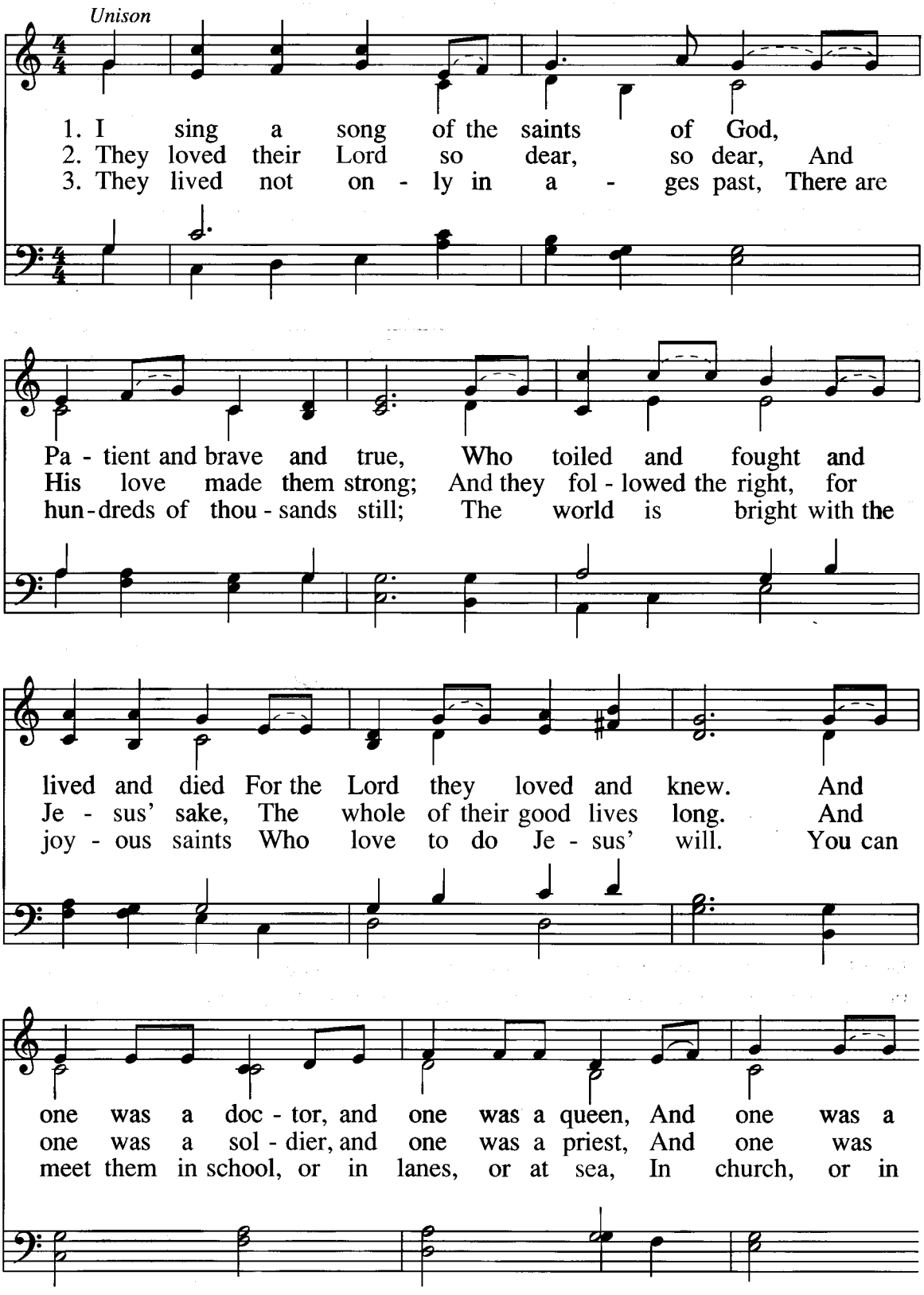


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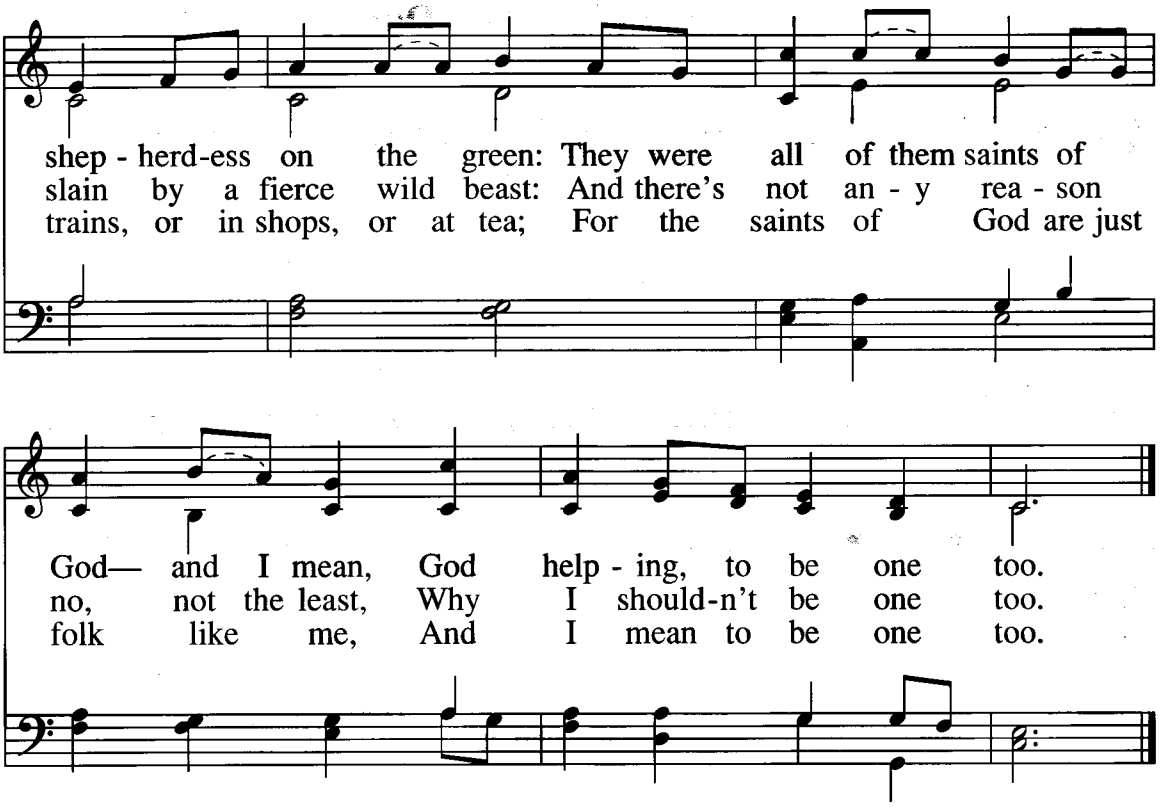

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506 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Lesbia Scott, 1898–1986, alt. John H. Hopkins, 1861–1945



GRAND ISLE
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Dear Jesus, we thank You that You have sanctified us by Your blood, and have called us saints. Thank You, Jesus, for all of the saints who from their labor are resting safely in Your loving arms. Lord, we know that one day we who are still on this earth will also be caught up in the air to join You and the saints in heaven; but until the day that You call us home, please tune our lips to "Sing a Song of the Saints of God." Help us to sing so loudly and so melodiously that even the rocks and the stones will cry out to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Gloria-Jean Skeete