MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 8, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - *Pastor Mark*

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Traditional American Melody, arr. John Purifoy) - *DeeAnn*

Words of Invitation - *Betty*

Hymn 493: "Christ's Body All Are We" - *DeeAnn et al.*

Gathering Prayer - *Betty*

Anthem: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (Southern Hymn Tune, arr. Virgil Thomson) - *Barb/DeeAnn/Choir*

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: Matthew 25:1-13 - *Lorraine*

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon: **"A THEOLOGY OF WAITING"** - *Pastor Mark*

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

Benediction - *Pastor Mark*

Choral Benediction Response: "The Irish Blessing" (Joyce Eilers Bacak) - *Barb/DeeAnn/Choir*

Greet One Another - *All*
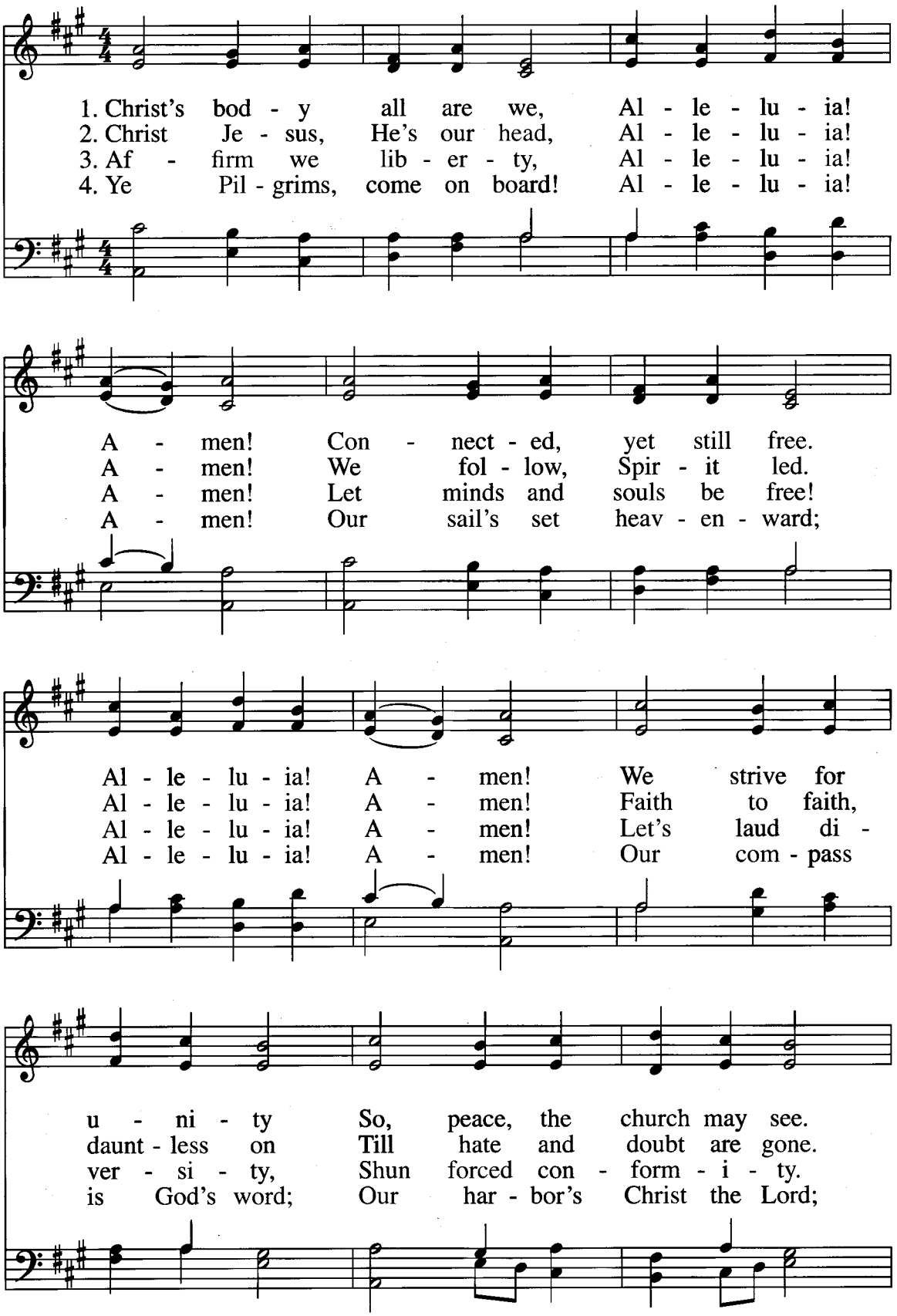
Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Betty Briggs, Lorraine Finison, Chancel Choir

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493 Christ's Body All Are We

Rev. Paul Ray

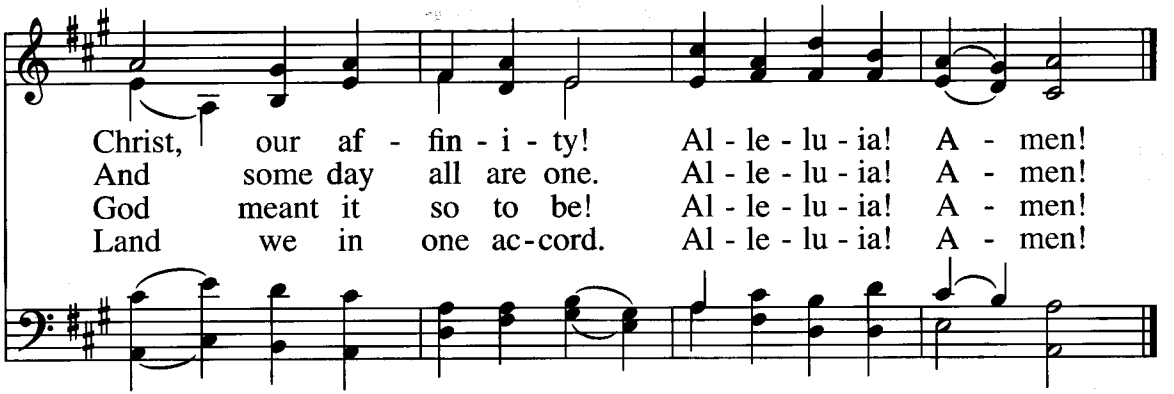
Traditional Spanish Melody
Arr. by David Evans, 1874–1948



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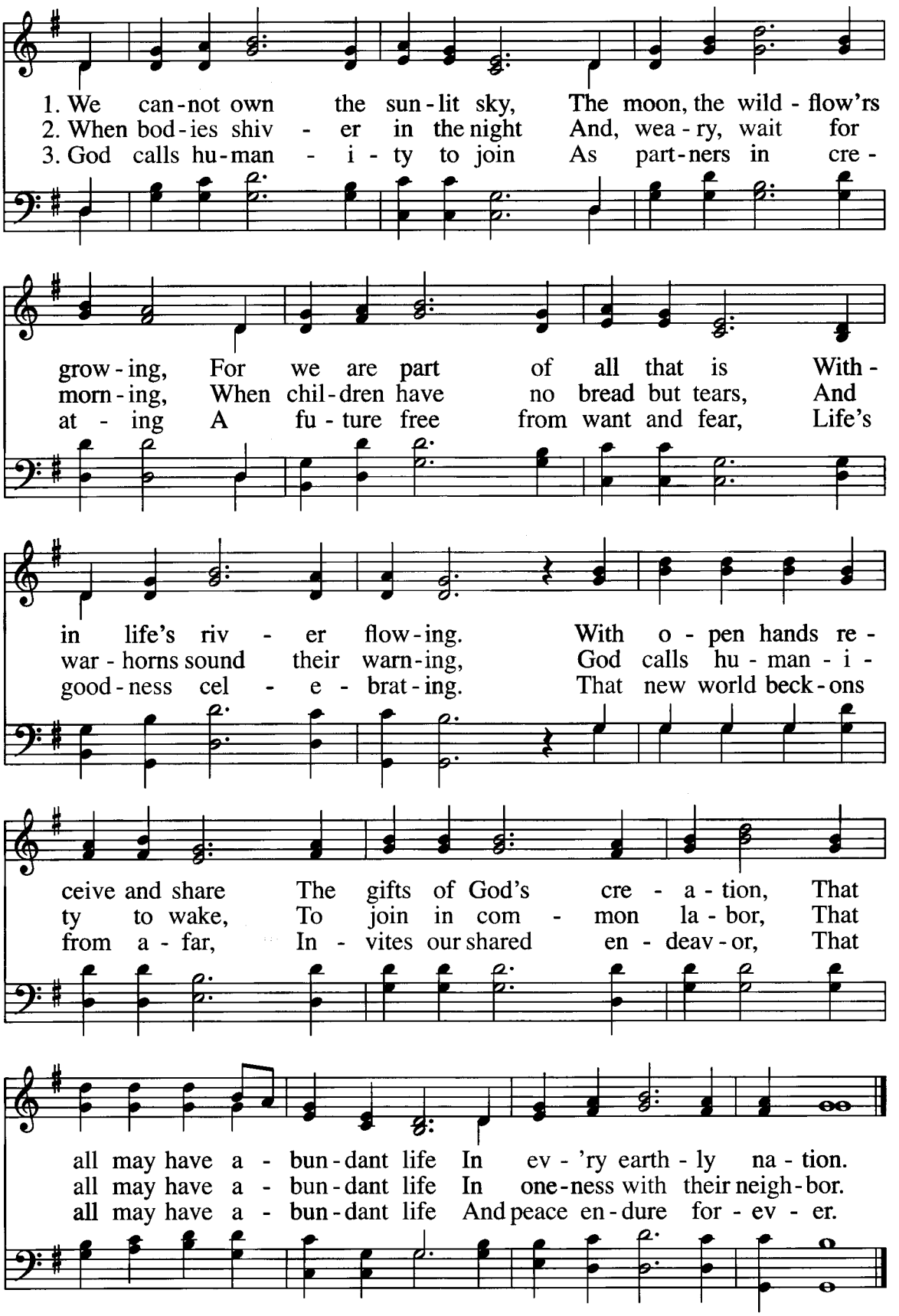


Loving and gracious God, You gather us together to be Your Church in the world. The new covenant You have written on our hearts ties us to You through the mystery and beauty of Christ Jesus. We are a people who belong to You, connected and yet free. We are free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to be the people You have created us to be, free to love You as one body—unified but not uniform. We are Christ's body, and we seek to serve You and Your people faithfully: walking willingly where Christ's feet would go, speaking freely as His lips would proclaim, working tirelessly as His hands would shape and mold.

Centered around Him, may we grow ever closer to His living presence, and in doing so may Your glory be visible in this world. We are Your pilgrim people, O Lord, and we desire to worship You in a way that is pleasing, faithful and true to You. May the light of Christ shine brightly among us, that as we work to be Your people, all may know of Your love and goodness. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Rev. Cynthia Bacon

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky 260

Ruth Duck, 1947– Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt.



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