

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rally Day

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "How Majestic Is Your Name" (Michael W. Smith) - Marsha/DeeAnn

Words of Invitation - Roger

Hymn 486: "God Is Here! As We His People" - DeeAnn et al.

Gathering Prayer - Roger

Anthem: "Down to the River to Pray" (Traditional, arr. Sheldon Curry) - Barb/DeeAnn/Chancel 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 18:21-35 - Lorraine

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon: "FORGIVE (AND REMEMBER?)" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 406: "Prayer of St. Francis" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 581: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (Peter C. Lutkin) - DeeAnn et al.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

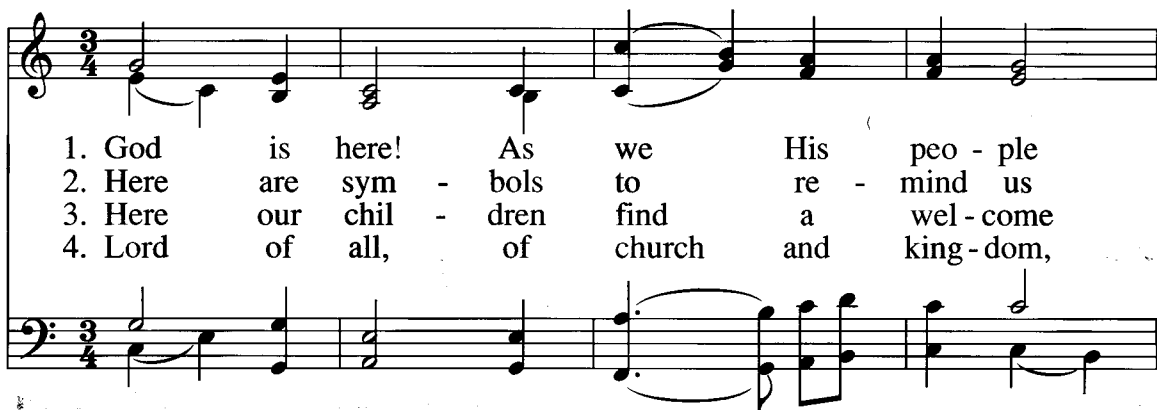
Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barbara Fuller,
Roger Kennedy, Lorraine Finison, Marsha Hacker, Chancel Choir

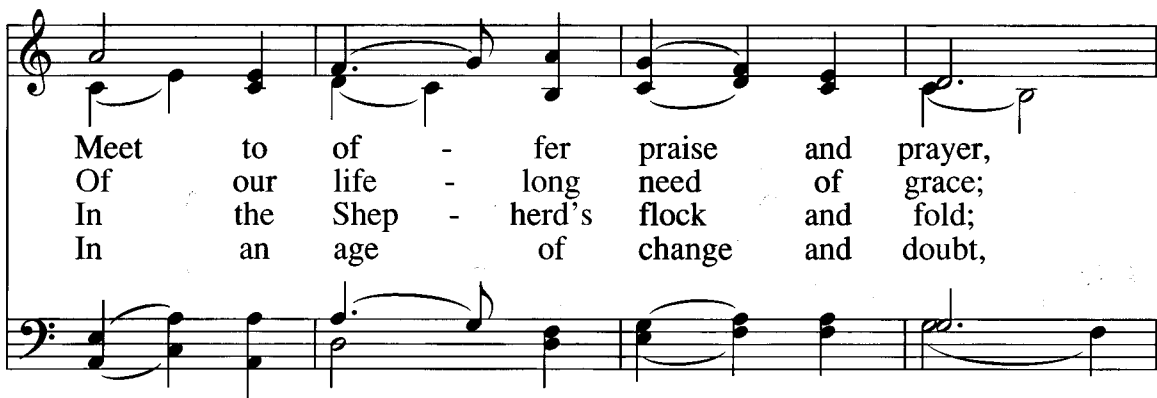
God Is Here! As We His People

Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

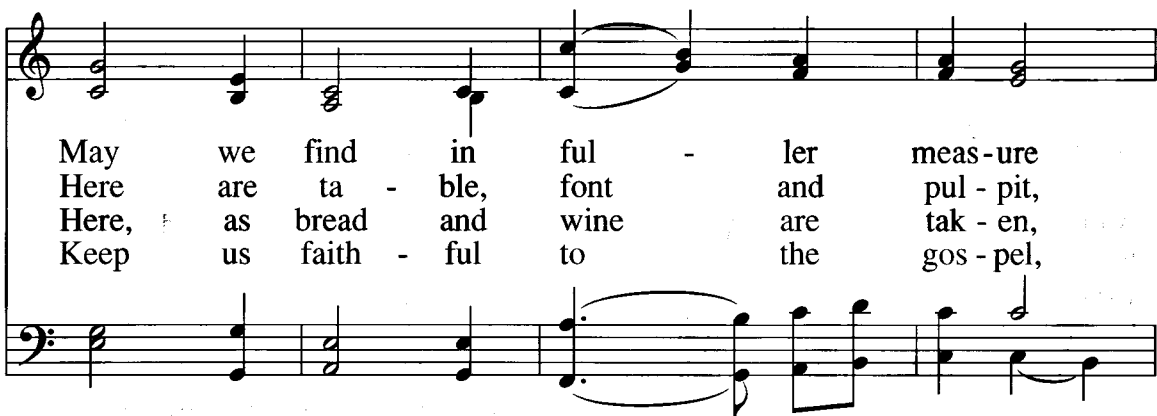
Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991



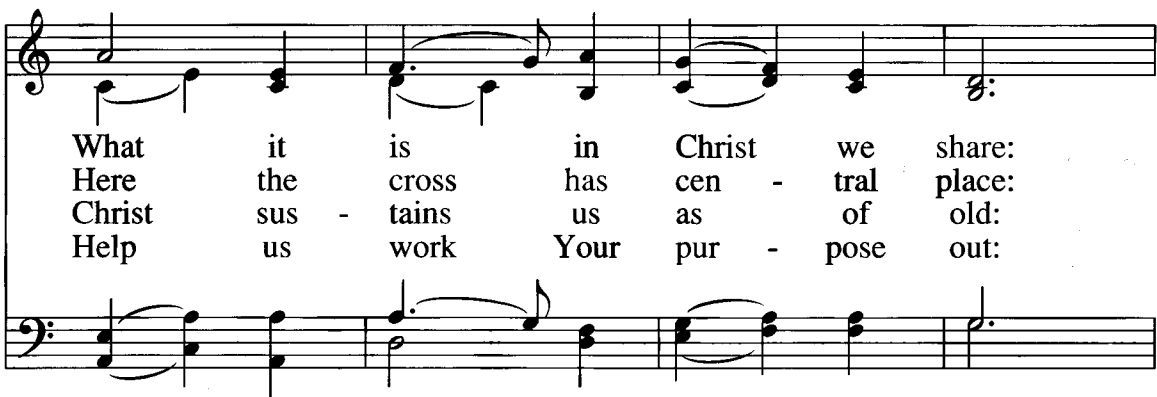
1. God is here! As we His peo - ple
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us
 3. Here our chil - dren of find a wel - come
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom,



Meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 Of our life - long need of grace;
 In the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 In an age of change and doubt,



May we find in ful - ler meas - ure
 Here are ta - ble, font and pul - pit,
 Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel,



What it is in Christ we share:
 Here the cross has cen - tral place:
 Christ sus - tains us as of old:
 Help us work Your pur - pose out:

Unison **D**

1. Make me a chan-nel of Your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan-nel of Your peace. Where
3. Make me a chan-nel of Your peace. It

Em **A7**

there is ha-tred, let me bring Your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, In

Em

there is in-ju-ry, Your par-don, Lord, And
there is dark-ness } } on-ly light, And
giv-ing to all men that we re-ceive, And in

Em **A7** 1., 3.
D Last time

where there's doubt, true faith in You.
where there's sad-ness ev-er
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Last time

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

2. D G

joy. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er

D A7 D

seek so much to be con - soled as to con - sole,

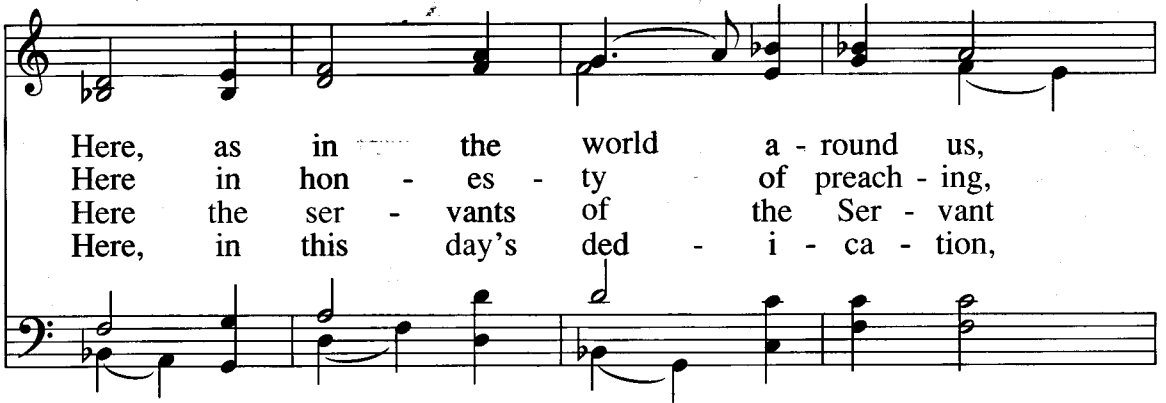
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to be un - der - stood as to un - der - stand,

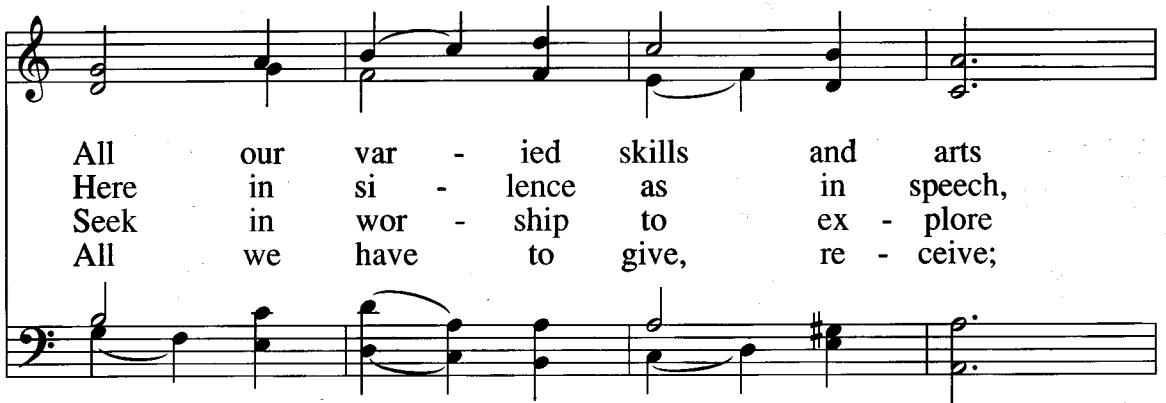
E7 A A7 D.C.

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

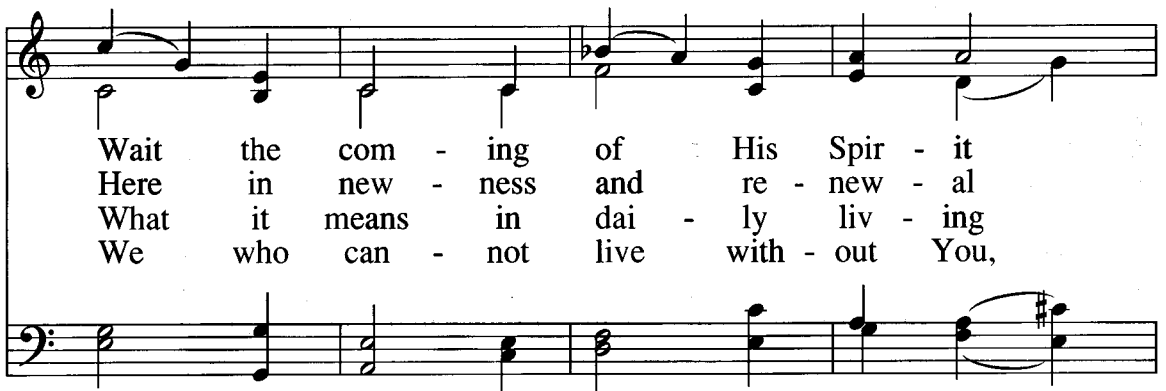
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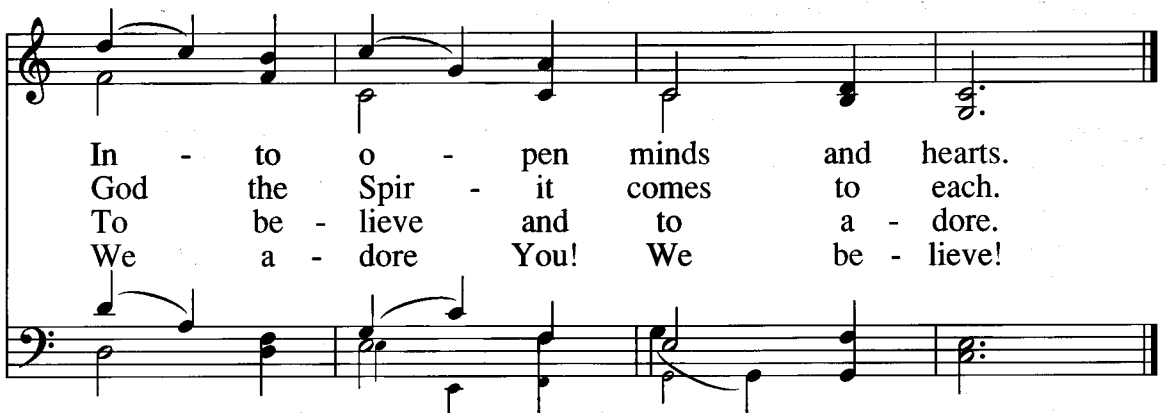
Here, as in the world a - round us,
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,



All our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in si - lence as in speech,
 Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 All we have to give, re - ceive;



Wait the com - ing of His Spir - it
 Here in new - ness and re - new - al
 What it means in dai - ly liv - ing
 We who can - not live with - out You,



In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 God the Spir - it comes to each.
 To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Numbers 6:24-26

Peter C. Lutkin, 1858-1931

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His coun - te -

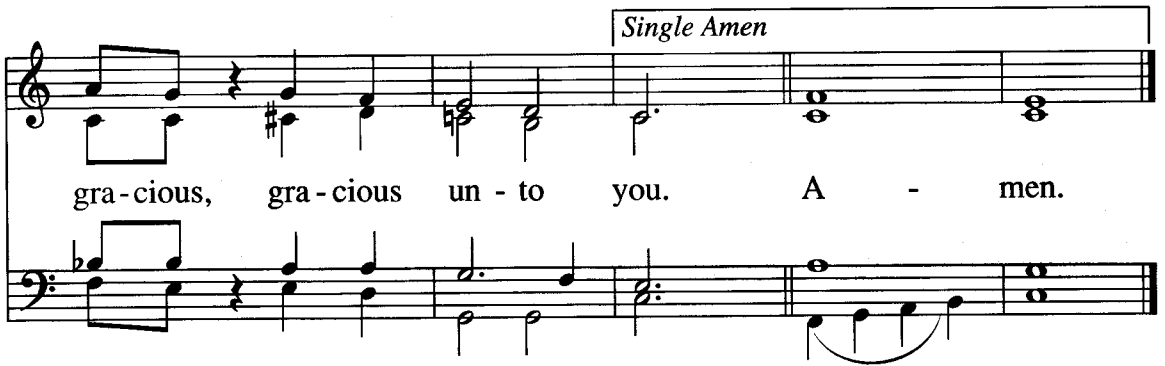
nance up - on you, and give you peace,
and give you peace, and give you

The Lord make His
and give you peace; The Lord make His face to shine up - on you,
peace;

And be gra - cious un-to you, be gra-cious, The Lord be
And be gra-cious, and be gra-cious; The Lord be

SERVICE MUSIC

Single Amen



Seven-fold Amen

