

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Melodié" (Victor L. Gumma) - Mayflower Ringers/Barb

Words of Invitation - Jenn

Hymn 253: "We Limit Not the Truth of God" - DeeAnn et al.

Gathering Prayer - Jenn

Anthem: "How Firm a Foundation" (Early American Hymn, arr. John Rutter) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir
(The congregation joins on verses 1 and 5 when cued by Barb)

1) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than he has said, by whom ye trust, O Jesus, he has said? 5) The soul that on Jesus leans for peace, will not desert his face, though all should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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 21:23-32 - Lorraine

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Sermon: "WHEN TRUTH CHALLENGES US" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 234: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" - 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,
Jenn Hall, Lorraine Finison, Mayflower Ringers, Chancel Choir

We Limit Not the Truth of God

George Rawson, 1807-1889

Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Württemberg, 1784

Adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1823-1889



1. We lim - it not the truth of God To
 2. Who dares to bind to his dull sense The
 3. Dark - ling our great fore - fa - thers went The
 4. The val - ley's past; as - cend - ing still, Our
 5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, send Us



our poor reach of mind, By no - tions of our day and
 or - a - cles of heav'n, For all the na - tions, tongues and
 first steps of the way; 'Twas but the dawn-ing, yet to
 souls would high - er climb, And look down from su - per - nal
 in - crease from a - bove; En - large, ex - pand all Chris - tian

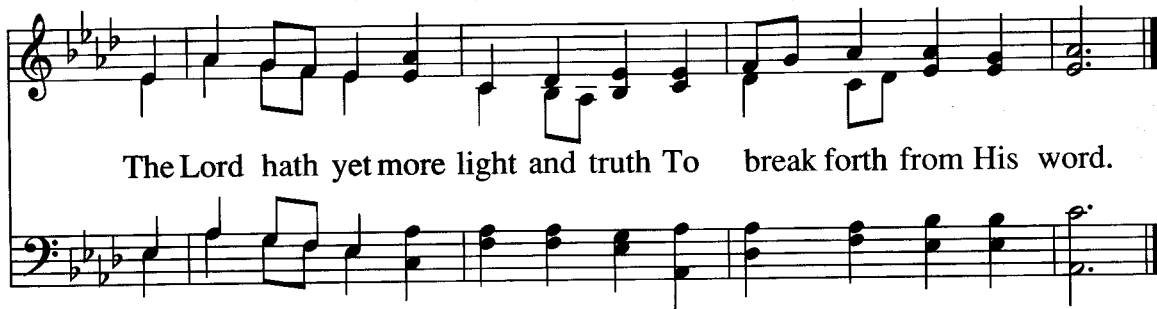


sect, Crude, par - tial, and con - fined: No, let a
 climes, And all the a - ges giv'n? That u - ni -
 grow In - to the per - fect day. And grow it
 heights On all the by - gone time. Up - ward we
 souls To com - pre - hend Thy love; And make us



new and bet - ter hope With - in our hearts be stirred:
 verse! how much un - known, That o - cean! un - ex - plored:
 shall, our glo - rious sun More fer - vid rays af - ford:
 press, the air is ' clear, And the sphere - mu - sic heard:
 all go on to know, With no - bler pow'rs con - ferred,

GOD'S REVELATION



The Lord hath yet more light and truth To break forth from His word.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, the same key signature, and a common time signature. The accompaniment is written in eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'The Lord hath yet more light and truth To break forth from His word.' are centered between the two staves. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots on both staves.

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

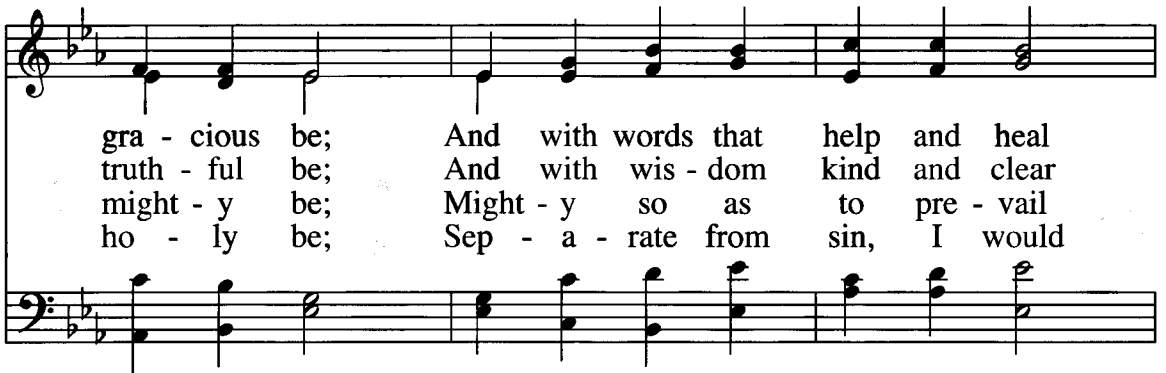
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Thomas T. Lynch, 1818–1871

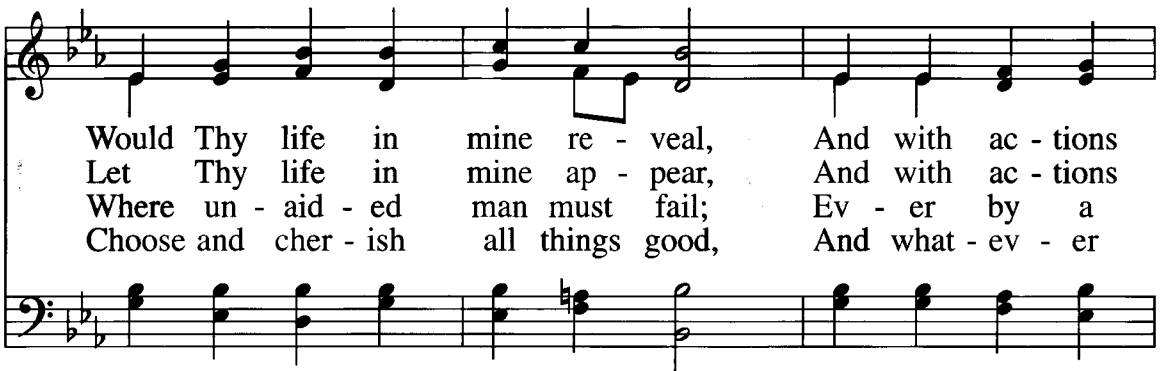
Richard Redhead, 1820–1901



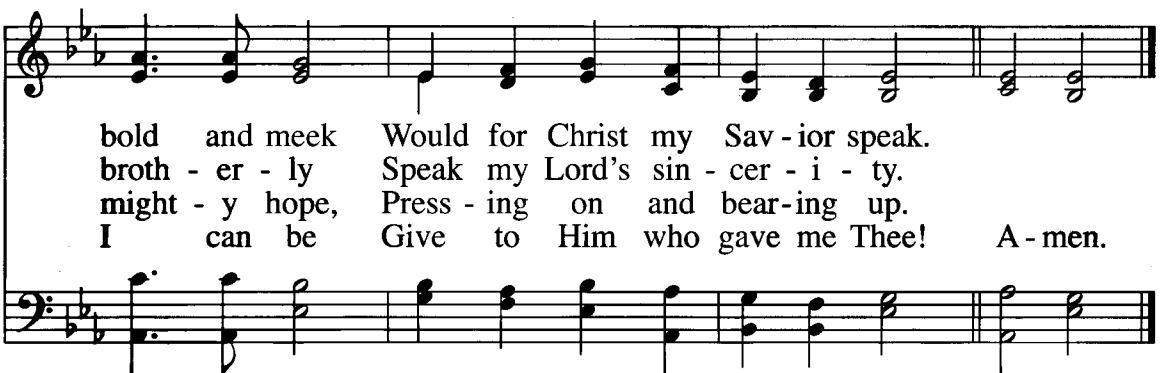
1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would
 2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me I my - self would
 3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would



gra - cious be; And with words that help and heal
 truth - ful be; And with wis - dom kind and clear
 might - y be; Might - y so as to pre - vail
 ho - ly be; Sep - a - rate from sin, I would



Would Thy life in mine re - veal, And with ac - tions
 Let Thy life in mine ap - pear, And with ac - tions
 Where un - aid - ed man must fail; Ev - er by a
 Choose and cher - ish all things good, And what - ev - er



bold and meek Would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 broth - er - ly Speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
 might - y hope, Press - ing on and bear - ing up.
 I can be Give to Him who gave me Thee! A - men.

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 -

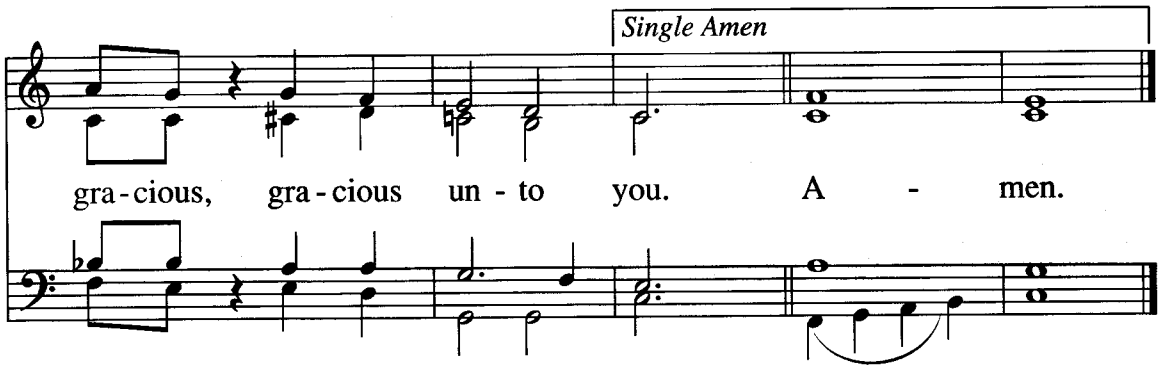
nance up - on you, and give you peace,
and give you peace, and give you

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

