

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Day

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Lift High the Cross" (Sydney H. Nicholson, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 484: "The Church's One Foundation"

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Special Music: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (arr. Patricia Sanders Cota)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

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 should 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 should 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: "BEYOND FORGIVENESS"

Hymn 406: "Prayer of St. Francis"

Benediction

Benediction Response 580 (v. 1): "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Jacob Richards, Barb Fuller, Kim and Lorraine Finison

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876



1. The Church-'s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
 4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er - more;
 And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest, And
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we Like



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A - men.



GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Prayer of St. Francis

Adapt. from St. Francis by Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997

Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997
Arr. by Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1928-

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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.
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 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,

G D

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.