MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 1, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "It Is Well With My Soul" (Phillip P. Bliss, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 313: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Be Thou My Vision" (Trad. Irish Melody, arr. Craig Courtney)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'

Sermon: "OUR WORST SINS"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 45: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Benediction

Response 580 (v. 3): "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put His arms unfailing round you: God be with you till we meet again.

Greet One Another

Today's Participants: Rev. Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jerry Fuller, Roger Kennedy



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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Traditional Dutch Melody
Arr. by Julius Röntgen, 1855–1933



- 1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure
- 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas ure 3. Trou bled souls, why will you scat ter Like a crowd of





of the sea; There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, Which is of man's mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most fright-ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan-der From a





more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor-rows won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more sim - ple, love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the sin - ner





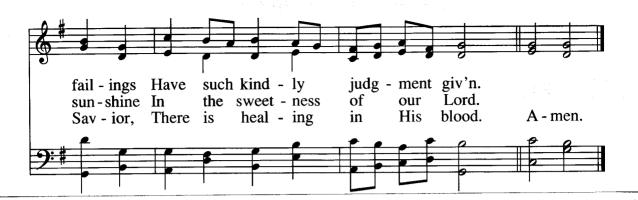
more felt than in heav'n; There is Are up no place where earth's should take Him His word: And our lives would be at And more grac-es for the good: There is mer - cy with the



"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God('s)" or "You(r)." Second verse: "Than the measure of our minds"

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THE TRIUNE GOD



COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again." Ministering to you in His name, I give you this bread. . . Ministering to you in His name, I give you this cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.