## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
The First Sunday in Lent

## Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "I Love You, Lord" (Laurie Klein, arr. Lloyd Larson)

**Opening Sentences** 

Hymn 173: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

**Opening Prayer** 

**Special Music:** "Hymn of Promise" (Natalie Sleeth)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Sermon: "THE PARADOX OF GOOD NEWS"

Hymn 511: "Hymn of Covenant"

Benediction

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

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, April Lakatos, Lorraine Finison

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 17.

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt.

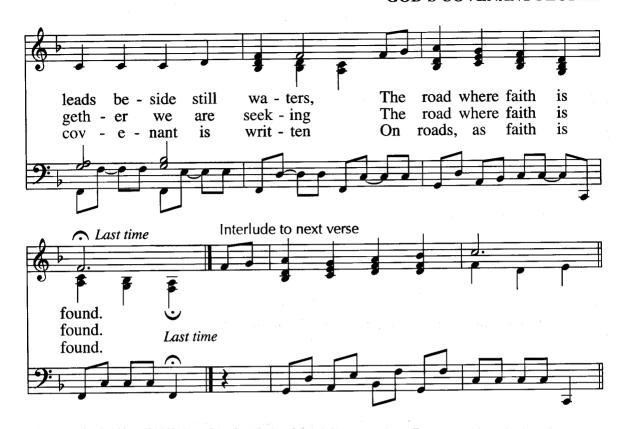
John's Day Psalter, 1562



## **GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE**

511 **Hymn of Covenant** Madelin Sue Martin Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993 Unison 1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney That all Your peo - ple Who share this wind-ing pil-grims so-journ-ers and 2. Bless You meet us 3. Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er. si - lence, path through noise The and The make, Whose Whose hope burns through the ter - rors, way, Where wait for land of prom - ise road. and take. The trail is found in of give way day. We for ho ly yearn the love sus - tains But for flow, wait - ing not milk hon and ey Then And winds the moun - tain round, des - ert, To free - dom While of - ten we are bound; You meet all round. Our us a plac - es,

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Eternal God of time and space, we praise You for Your presence in the midst of life and days.

Gracious God of days and seasons, we thank You for Your blessings in all that life may bring.

For You are God with us, in every twist and turning.

Our lives are in Your hands.

So help us, Lord, to trust in You, and seek You in the everyday.

Help us, Lord, to live for You, and walk in all Your ways.

Lead us all together, by Your Holy Spirit, so that Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done, in each of us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rev. John D. Carson