MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Felice de Giardini, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 492: "God of All Love"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "HallelujahSong" (Kathy C. Bowen)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: "LOVING BEYOND BORDERS"

Hymn 495: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Benediction

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

Today's Participants: Rev. Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Kim Finison, Roger Kennedy



GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



God of all love, bless Your faithful disciples with Your loving presence and inform us with Your Holy Spirit. Encourager and Comforter, we lift our humble prayers to You. Bless us with the kindling of devotion. As we seek your will, light this kindling ablaze to shine with Your perfect love and glory. We give You praise for the blessed transformation of our lives as we seek to be beacons of Your love in Your created world. We seek Your love through our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and strength. Amen.

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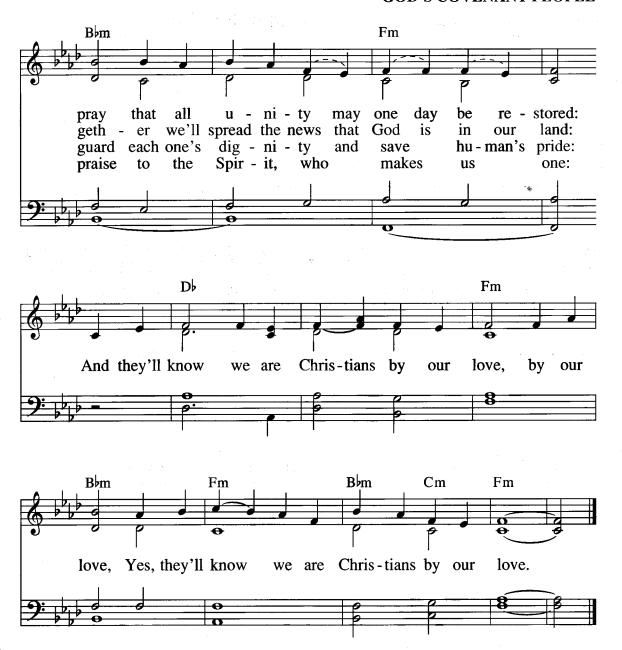
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Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.