

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
All Saints' Day

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (Spiritual, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 287: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Communion Medley" ("Abide With Me" and "Amazing Grace," arr. Mitchell Eithun)

A Moment of Remembrance

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 3:1-5 and 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Sermon: "TANGLED WEBS OF SURVIVAL"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 431: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Benediction

Response 578 (v. 2): "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Greet One Another

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Ann McClelland, Roger Kennedy, Gina Patton, Shannon Quinn, Lorraine Finison

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.

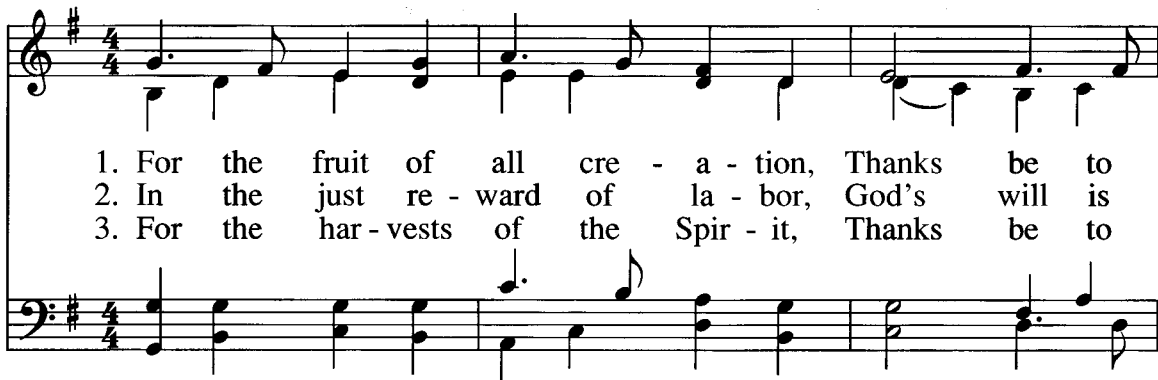
SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

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."

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.



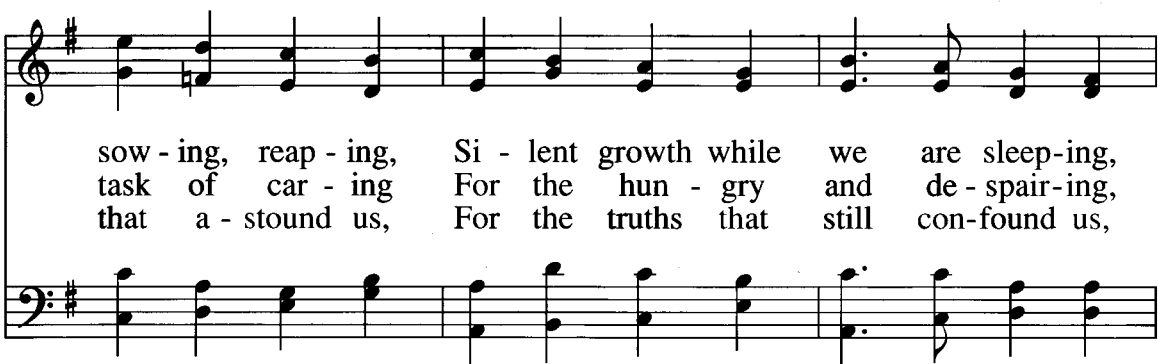
1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to



God. For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,



Thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
 God's will is done. In our world - wide
 Thanks be to God. For the won - ders



sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing, For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,

GOD'S REVELATION

Musical score for the hymn "God's Revelation". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed between the two staves.

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we
 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us; Be the
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly
 4. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and

need Thy ten - der care; In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin de -
 let us do Thy will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly
 sin - ful though we be; Thou hast mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos - oms fill.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear Thy
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

bought us, Thine we are; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 chil - dren when they pray; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 loved us, love us still; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 let us turn to Thee; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed

Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
 Je - sus, Hear Thy chil - dren when they pray.
 Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.
 Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee. A - men.

Jesus, we come to You in praise.

Jesus, rabbi, teacher,
 You came to Your people and sat among us,
 teaching, and feeding, and expressing Your care.
 We are fed—Hallelujah.

Jesus, fisher of men,
 You come to the ordinary places of our lives
 and ask us to follow You.
 We follow in faith—Praise be to God.

Jesus, our friend,
 You challenged us with the parables of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son,
 and with Your healing of the leper.
 You taught and acted.
 You healed and rested.

In wonder we show our praise through daily acts of love.

Your compassion provided acceptance to the woman at the well.
 Your tender caring cherished the faith of the children held in Your lap.
 Your anger turned over tables when we worshipped the world instead of Your Father.
 Your question stopped our arguing on the road, when we were feeling self-important.
 Your impatience challenged our pious exercises of faith.

Precious Lord, You bring us forgiveness and love.
 Son of God, Messiah of the world, we praise Your name.
 Your grace enfolds us and frees us to follow You.