

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Hayes)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 88: "Canticle of the Turning"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Hear My Words" (Stephen Paulus)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Extinguishing the Peace Candle

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate.

Sermon: "WHAT'S MISSING?"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 309: "Micah 6:8"

Benediction

Response 579 (v. 2): "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of Thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jerry Fuller, Roger Kennedy

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.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Canticle of the Turning

Luke 1:46-58

Rory Cooney, 1952-

Irish Traditional

Arr. by Rory Cooney, 1952-

Verses Unison

Em C D

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, You
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D Em

God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And Your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for Your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

G D Em C Em

won - drous things that You bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

G D

fixed Your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

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Em C D Em

weak-ness You did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for You yearn, You will show Your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day You bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of Your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

1. You may not have the strength to make all right a - gain,
 2. You may not give the world's most gen-'rous of - fer - ing,
 3. You may not work with most ef - fi - cient en - er - gy;

Nor have the time to do all things you should,
 Nor have the means to mend this sad world's woe,
 You may not change all sys - tems which op - press;

But God has shown the way which is re - quired of you,
 The Lord still shows the way which is re - quired of you,
 But what the Lord, with grace, still does re - quire of you

The way by which to do the great - est good:
 That bless - ed way God has for you to go:
 Is, "Fol - low in the ways which are the best."

GOD'S REVELATION

You must act just - ly, and you must love mer - cy,

And ev - 'ry - day walk humb - ly with your God.

The Lord Most High has shown you what is right and good:

Be just, be kind and humb - ly walk with God.