

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Shower the People" (James Taylor)

Opening Sentences

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

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (William H. Doane, arr. Kevin McChesney)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Sermon: "EXTRAVAGANCE"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 550: "All Are Welcome"

Benediction

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

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Sally Potter,
Kim and Lorraine Finison, Ann McClelland, Shannon Quinn, Gina Patton

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.

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
 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

Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's
 We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be all
 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"

THE TRIUNE GOD

fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
sun - shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.
Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in His blood. A - men.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen, 1950-

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C7 Unison F C/E F B \flat C

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

Dm C/E F B \flat C F/A Dm7

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

Gm7 C Gm7 F/A B \flat C7

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

B \flat /F F Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of

TWO OAKS
 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with Refrain

Gathering

SERVICE MUSIC

F F/A B \flat

faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this

F B \flat A 7 Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

Gm Dm Am 7 Gm/B \flat F/C

All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come

Gm 7 /C C 7 F B \flat /F F B \flat /F F B \flat /F F B \flat /C *Last time*

in this place. *Last time*