

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "The Church's One Foundation" (Samuel Wesley, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 509: "Covenant Hymn"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "What a Wonderful World" (George David Weiss and Bob Thiele, arr. Mark A. Brymer)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Sermon: "WHAT IS FAITH?"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 531: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 361 (v. 2): "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, 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."

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.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Covenant Hymn

Ruth 1:16

Gary Daigle, 1952-

Rory Cooney, 1957-

F FADD9 F

1. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Wher -
 2. What - ev - er you dream, I am with you, When
 3. And though you should fall, you will find Me, When
 4. Wher - ev - er you die, I will be there To
 5. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Be -

Bb Gm7/C F Gm7/C F

ev - er you live is My home. Though days be of
 stars call your name in the night. Though shad - ows and
 no oth - er friend can you claim, When foes beat you
 sing you to sleep with a psalm, To soothe you with
 hold! The ho - ri - zon shines clear. The pos - si - ble

FADD9 F Gm7 Gm7/F Ebmaj7 Bb/D

bless - ing or sor - row, Though house be of can - vas or
 mist cloud the fu - ture, To - geth - er we bear there a
 down or be - tray you And oth - ers de - sert you in
 tales of our jour - ney, Your fears and your doubts I will
 gleams like a cit - y: To - geth - er we've noth - ing to

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Gm7 C7/Bb Am7 DSUS4 D

stone, light, shame, calm, fear. Though E - den be lost to the past, Like A - bram and Sar - ah we stand, When home and dreams aren't e - nough, We'll live when jour - neys are done So speak with words bold and true

Though With And For - The

Gm7 Bbm6/Db Gm7/C

moun - tains be - fore us be vast, on - ly a prom - ise in hand. you run a - way from My love, ev - er in mem - 'ry as one. mes - sage My heart speaks to you.

Wher - But I'll And You

F/A Gm7 Am7 Dm7

ev - er you go, I am with you, lead where you dream: I will fol - low. raise you from where you have fall - en. we will be bur - ied to - geth - er, won't be a - lone, I have prom - ised.

I To And Wher -

Gm7 Bb/C FSUS4 F

nev - er will leave you a - lone. dream with you is My de - light. Faith - ful to you is My name. wak - en to greet a new dawn. ev - er you go, I am here.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996

Refrain *Unison*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With

gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O

sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses *Harmony*

1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
 2. With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our
 3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
 4. The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No
 5. You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then

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know and heed his voice; So when You call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That You should count us
 blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n-ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Lord, it's just me.

I know that You are the maker of all that is seen and all that is unseen.
 I know that You were before time began and will be after time has ended.

But Lord, today it is just me, and I thank You for making me.

I am satisfied with me.

I thank You that I stand here as part of Your community today.

I thank You for my steadfast sisters and brothers here.

Some of us are old and gray, and some of us are young,
 and some of us are men and some are women,

and we come in all shapes and sizes, and our skin comes in all shades and colors,
 and some of us like the worship loud and fast, and some of us like it slow and quiet,
 and some of us like to jump and dance, and some of us like to sit in serene reflection,
 and some of us like to clap, and others of us can't keep a beat,

and some of us can sing solos that rise to heaven's gate,
 and some of us can mow the church's yard just right,
 and some of us can make perfect cookies for the kids,
 and some of us nurture disciples and some of us teach,

and some of us don't know what we are good at yet but we are trying.

We are satisfied to be Your people, called by Your name.

You are our Bread of Life; You are our Cup of Celebration.

We savor these times when we gather as this community.

We are satisfied because You have satisfied us.

Help us to satisfy Your hopes and dreams for us.

Amen, Amen, and Amen.