

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" (Johann Schop, arr. Cindy Berry) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Jerry

Hymn 539: "Let Your Heart Be Broken" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Jerry

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace - Bruce and Wendy Kushion

Anthem: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" (Eugene Butler) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn

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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 - DeeAnn

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Sermon: "PROSPERITY FOR THE POOR" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion - Pastor Mark

Hymn 86: "like a child" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response Hymn 497 (vs. 1 and 3): "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - DeeAnn et al.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Bruce & Wendy Kushion, Chancel Choir

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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Let Your Heart Be Broken

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1931-

James Mountain, 1844-1933

1. Let your heart be bro - ken For a world in need—
 2. Here on earth ap - ply - ing Prin - ci - ples of love—
 3. Blest to be a bless - ing, Priv - i - leged to care,
 4. Add to your be - liev - ing Deeds that prove it true—
 5. Let your heart be ten - der And your vi - sion clear—

Feed the mouths that hun - ger, Soothe the wounds that bleed;
 Vis - i - ble ex - pres - sion God still rules a - bove,
 Chal - langed by the need ap - par - ent ev - 'ry - where,
 Know - ing Christ as Sav - ior, Make Him Mas - ter too;
 Rouse your - self to ac - tion, Serve God far and near.

Give the cup of wa - ter And the loaf of bread—
 Liv - ing il - lus - tra - tion Of the Liv - ing Word
 Where the world is want - ing Fill the va - cant place,
 Fol - low in His foot - steps, Go where He has trod,
 Let your heart be bro - ken By an - oth - er's pain,

Be the hands of Je - sus, Serv - ing in His stead.
 To the minds of all who've Nev - er seen and heard.
 Be the means through which the Lord re - veals His grace.
 In the world's great trou - ble Risk your - self for God.
 Share your rich re - sourc - es— Give and give a - gain.

like a child

Daniel C. Damon, 1955-

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Unison Gm C Am Dm

1. like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
 2. like a child we will meet, rag - ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
 3. like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a
 child on the street, Je - sus comes like a
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim - ing heart soul and mind, like a
 child we once knew com - ing back in - to view, like a
 child we re - ceive all that love can con - ceive, like a

Gm7 C11 F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes
 child born a - new, Je - sus comes
 child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

LIKE A CHILD
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