# MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Communion Sunday

### Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (arr. Cindy Berry)

**Opening Sentences** 

Hymn 523: "We Come to Your Table"

**Opening Prayer** 

Special Music: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (arr. Christine Anderson)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts Doxology

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

# Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

'But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

# Sermon: "PLAIN TALK"

# **Observance of Holy Communion**

Hymn 218: "Soon and Very Soon"

# Benediction

# 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 & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb & Jerry Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn, Gail Sawyer

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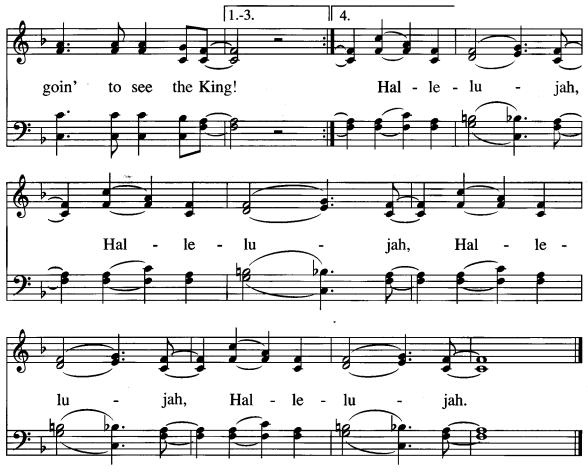
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### THE TRIUNE GOD



### Almighty God,

we come to You, our hope,

for there is no other one who promises us true hope.

We come to You, our peace,

for there is no other one who promises us true peace.

Life can batter us, but we do not despair.

We know You have been with us in all we have faced in our past.

We live with the confidence that You will be with us in all we will face tomorrow.

Thus, despite what our present is,

we know You have created a bright future for us.

In Your grace, You have promised us a future of blessings beyond blessings.

Regardless of how many tears we shed now,

You promise us that our crying will cease

and that You will be the one who wipes away our tears.

Regardless of how many of our loved ones die,

You promise us that death will cease, and that,

finally and completely, our enemy will be defeated.

Soon and very soon, O Lord,

we know that Your presence will fulfill us

and bring us wholeness and health.

We pray as people of the King

in confidence and faith.

Amen.

Rev. Michael Chittum

### **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.