

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 20, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Reception of New Members

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 292: "The Gift of Love"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Deep River" (African-American Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh)

(Barb's note: This song is dedicated to the great Marion Anderson who could sing it like no other)

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: "NOT POSSIBLE!"

Receiving New Members: Maryanna Foster, Judy McQueen, Mary Muhammad

Hymn 406: "Prayer of St. Francis"

Benediction

Benediction Response 576: "May the Lord Bless You

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage for ev'ry endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Greet One Another

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller

The Gift of Love

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3
Hal H. Hopson, 1933-

Traditional English Melody
Adapt. by Hal H. Hopson, 1933-

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

And have the gift to all in - spire,
And striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
Our spir - its long to be made whole.

And have not love, my words are vain,
But not be giv'n by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;

As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

406

Prayer of St. Francis

Adapt. from St. Francis by Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997

Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997
Arr. by Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1928-

Unison D

1. Make me a chan - nel of Your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of Your peace. Where
3. Make me a chan - nel of Your peace. It

Em A7

there is ha - tred, let me bring Your love. Where
there's de - spir in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, In

Em

there is in - ju - ry, Your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness } } on - ly light, And
giv - ing to all men that we re - ceive, And in

Em A7

1., 3.
D Last time

where there's doubt, true faith in You.
where there's sad - ness ev - er
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Last time

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

2.
D G

joy. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er

D A7 D

seek so much to be con-soled as to con-sole,

G D

to be un-der-stood as to un-der-stand,

E7 A A7 D.C.

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Minister: Seeking membership in this church, do you accept the religion of love and service that Jesus taught and lived; to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself; to make the spirit of Christ dominant in your relationships, also recognizing we that we all are human; we make mistakes and sometimes we need to be forgiven and to offer forgiveness; do you therefore covenant together with all the members and friends of Mayflower Church to prayerfully promote harmony, faithfulness, and unconditional love, accepting a share in its privileges and duties, insofar as you are able, God being our helper?

(Those joining will respond: "I do".)

Mayflower's Response: *(The congregation is invited to rise, and read in unison.)*

We rejoice with each of you and we joyfully receive you into membership and fellowship. We pledge our Christian love as you have promised us. We humbly pray to God that both you and we may true to this covenant forever, through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Mayflower Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian church to maintain the worship of God; to proclaim the Gospel of Christ; to develop a sense of our relationship and duty to God and our fellow persons; and to be an inspiration for love, truth, and passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to strive to express Christ's spirit in our individual and corporate lives; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church: working; giving; praying for its increase, its purity, its peace; and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.