

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "O, How Joyfully!" with "Joy to the World!" (Trad., G.F. Handel, arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 22: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 147:12-20

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

Special Music: "Mary, Did You Know?" (Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, arr. Jack Schrader)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Sermon: "ORDER AND RE-ORDER"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 47: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

Benediction Response 579 (v. 1): "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace: Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Greet One Another

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Lorraine Finison, Marsha Hacker, Bill Baldwin

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.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, Which the morn - ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,
 ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Fourth verse: "Our God's love is reigning o'er us,
 binding us in one great plan."

HYMN TO JOY
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Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
Teach us how to love each oth - er,
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward

Fill us with the light of day!
Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Lift us to the joy di - vine.
In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Good and gracious God, we come to You with thanksgiving for all Your many blessings. We are surrounded this day, and every day, with signs of Your truth and power. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the glory of Your love. We thank You especially for:

- The beauty and power of Your creation.
- The gift of Christ, who brings peace and life.
- The work of Your Holy Spirit, guiding us and bringing us insights to Your will.
- The bright faith of new believers, the abiding devotion of Your loyal followers, and all companions on our journeys of discipleship.
- All relationships of love and caring, teaching us of Your love.
- The satisfaction of work well done.
- Opportunities, courage, and energy to serve You and share Your love.
- The ministries of our church, reaching out in faithful service in Your name.
- The gifts of our leaders, ministers, teachers, musicians, and administrators.
- Each member of our church, created by You in special ways for faith and service.

And for all the particular blessings of this day.

God of joy, our hearts are filled to overflowing with the fullness of Your blessings. Give us the strength, courage, and power to live as You have created us, transformed according to Your holy will. We offer these prayers of praise in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23

William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

THE TRIUNE GOD

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.