

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 13, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" (Trad. Irish Melody, arr. Faye Lopez)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 443: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (John Rutter)

A Moment for Missions: Mark Criss, Executive Director, Lansing City Rescue Mission

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Sermon: "BELIEVING IS SEEING"

Hymn 542: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 497 (v. 3): "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Mark Criss, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Chancel Choir

1. Called as part - ners in Christ's serv - ice, Called to min - is -
 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to
 3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der

tries of grace, We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment
 work and worth, Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring,
 glob - al sense, Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens,
 hu - man life That sur - round each per - son's sor - row

Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of
 Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth. Men and wom - en, rich - er,
 Break - ing down each wall or fence. Words of com - fort, words of
 With a calm that con - quers strife. Make us part - ners in our

shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend, E - qual part - ners
 poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old, Blend - ing hu - man
 vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care, Bring new pow'r and
 liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease, Mes - sen - gers of

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God's Covenant People'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are centered between the two staves.

in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

There are not enough of us to do Your work here on earth, Lord! Many of us have been in Your service for years and know that every effort we make in Your name becomes a blessing to us. The problem we have is enabling others to know that blessing as well. Lord, guide us in this endeavor! Help us seize the opportunities you present to us by providing us with the necessary words and actions to witness to the joy of a lifetime in Your service. As for me and my house, we have come to know that the longer, the deeper, and the broader our service has been to You, the closer we have come to Your presence. Help us to grow stronger in Your presence. Reveal to us the areas of life where our love has made all the difference in the life of another. Make us proud to be in Your service, and challenge us to affirm those who would join us in building Your kingdom. Thank You, Father, for the excitement of the journey we have made together. Thank You for the hills and valleys that have made life interesting, and thank You for the example of our Brother Jesus, who not only shows us how to walk in Your way, but walks for us when we are unwilling or unable. We give You all praise, because without You there is no meaning to our lives. Amen.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1934-

Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

1. Lord, You give the great com - mis - sion:
 2. Lord, You call us to Your serv - ice:
 3. Lord, You make the com - mon ho - ly:
 4. Lord, You show us love's true meas - ure:
 5. Lord, You bless with words as - sur - ing:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."
 "In My name bap - tize and teach."
 "This My bod - y, this my blood."
 "Fa - ther, what they do, for - give."
 "I am with you to the end."

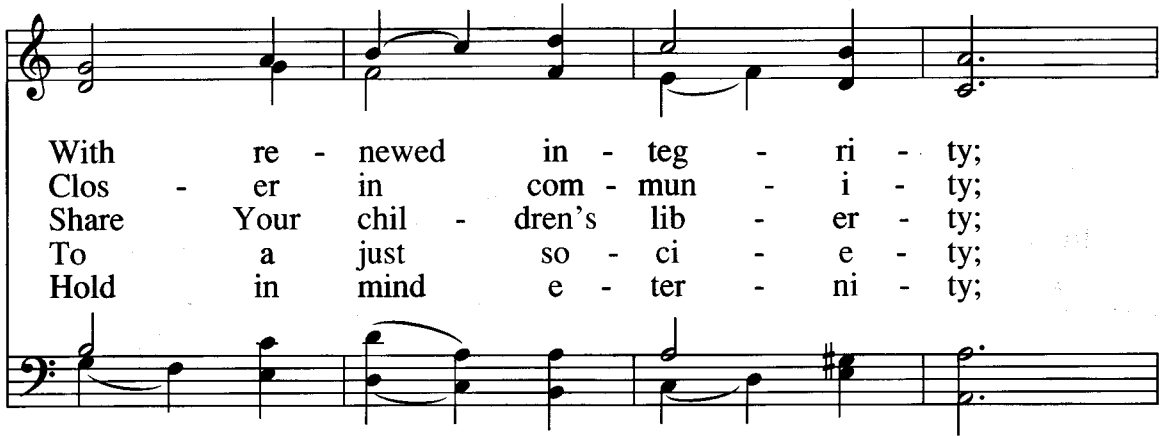
Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 That the world may trust Your prom - ise,
 Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 Yet we hoard as pri - vate treas - ure
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
 Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 All that You so free - ly give.
 May we serve as You in - tend,

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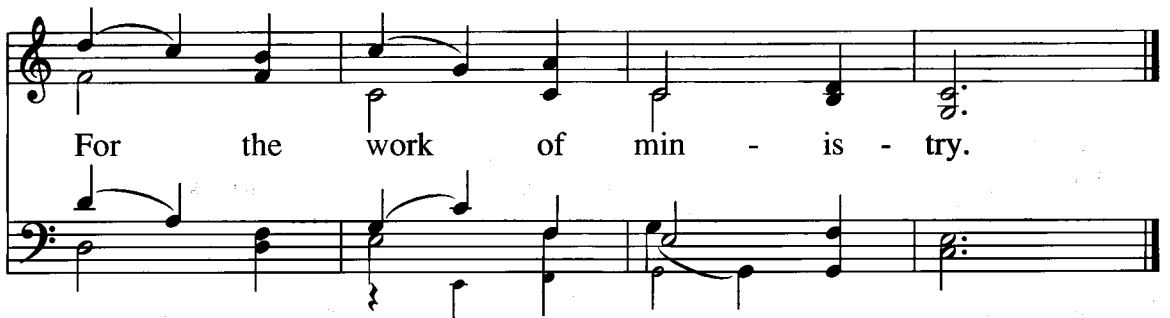
Help us wit - ness to Your pur - pose
Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
Ask - ing that the world a - round us
May Your care and mer - cy lead us
And, a - mid the cares that claim us,



With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
Clos - er in com - mun - i - ty;
Share Your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
To a just so - ci - e - ty;
Hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us



For the work of min - is - try.