

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Balm in Gilead" (Spiritual, arr. Patricia Cota)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 481: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "The Narrow Way" (K. Lee Scott)

A Moment for Mission

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: "RECOGNIZING THE DIVINE"

Hymn 509: "Covenant Hymn"

Benediction

Benediction Response: "Shalom to You"

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Roger Kennedy, Mayflower Ringers, Chancel Choir

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

481

Latin, 7th C.

Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, to - day! With Thy wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness
 Thee to gain: What they gain from Thee for - ev - er
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Thy peo - ple as they pray; And Thy full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er Three and ev - er One; One in might, and



help for - ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in Thy glo - ry Ev - er - more with Thee to reign.
 One in glo - ry, While un - end - ing a - ges run. A - men.



GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

509

Covenant Hymn

Ruth 1:16
Rory Cooney, 1957-

Gary Daigle, 1952-

F FADD9 F

1. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Wher -
 2. What - ev - er you dream, I am with you, When
 3. And though you should fall, you will find Me, When
 4. Wher - ev - er you die, I will be there To
 5. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Be -

Bb Gm7/C F Gm7/C F

ev - er you live is My home. Though days be of
 stars call your name in the night. Though shad - ows and
 no oth - er friend can you claim, When foes beat you
 sing you to sleep with a psalm, To soothe you with
 hold! The ho - ri - zon shines clear. The pos - si - ble

FADD9 F Gm7 Gm7/F Ebmaj7 Bb/D

bless - ing or sor - row, Though house be of can - vas or
 mist cloud the fu - ture, To - geth - er we bear there a
 down or be - tray you And oth - ers de - sert you in
 tales of our jour - ney, Your fears and your doubts I will
 gleams like a cit - y: To - geth - er we've noth - ing to

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Gm7 C7/Bb Am7 DSUS4 D

stone, light, shame, calm, fear. Though E - den be lost to the past, Like A - bram and Sar - ah we stand, When home and dreams aren't e - nough, We'll live when jour - neys are done So speak with words bold and true

Though With And For - The

Gm7 Bbm6/Db Gm7/C

moun - tains be - fore us be vast, on - ly a prom - ise in hand. you run a - way from My love, ev - er in mem - 'ry as one. mes - sage My heart speaks to you.

Wher - But I'll And You

F/A Gm7 Am7 Dm7

ev - er you go, I am with you, lead where you dream: I will fol - low. raise you from where you have fall - en. we will be bur - ied to - geth - er, won't be a - lone, I have prom - ised.

I To And Wher -

Gm7 Bb/C FSUS4 F

nev - er will leave you a - lone. dream with you is My de - light. Faith - ful to you is My name. wak - en to greet a new dawn. ev - er you go, I am here.