

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (Arthur H. Messiter, arr. Faye Lopez)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 307: "We Are Called"

Opening Prayer

Anthem: "He Never Failed Me Yet" (Robert Ray)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.' 'With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon: "SIMPLE REQUIREMENTS"

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 309: "Micah 6:8"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 307 (refrain only): "We Are Called"

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Gretta Delaney,
Jamie Keller, Justin Stephens, Kim Finison, Chancel Choir

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.

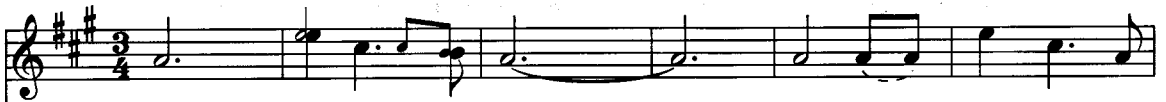
GOD'S REVELATION

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We Are Called

Micah 6:8
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1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the
2. Come! O-pen your heart! Show your mer-cy to
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when

A A/C# D D/E E A A/C#



love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the
all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the
all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each

D E E/G# F#m F#m7 D



king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God!
hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will be no more!
oth-er as sis-ters and broth-ers u-nit-ed in love!

A/C# D/B A/C# D D/E



GOD'S REVELATION

E A/C# D E E/G# D/A E/A A A/C#

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are

D E F#m F#m7 A/C# D

called to love ten-der-ly, we are called to

E E/G# D/A E/A A D/B A/C# D E D/A

serve one an-oth-er; to walk hum-bly with God!

E/A A A/C# D D/E 1., 2. E 3. E E/G# A

1., 2. E 3. E E/G# A

1. You may not have the strength to make all right a - gain,
 2. You may not give the world's most gen-'rous of - fer - ing,
 3. You may not work with most ef - fi - cient en - er - gy;

Nor have the time to do all things you should,
 Nor have the means to mend this sad world's woe,
 You may not change all sys - tems which op - press;

But God has shown the way which is re - quired of you,
 The Lord still shows the way which is re - quired of you,
 But what the Lord, with grace, still does re - quire of you

The way by which to do the great - est good:
 That bless - ed way God has for you to go:
 Is, "Fol - low in the ways which are the best."

GOD'S REVELATION

You must act just - ly, and you must love mer - cy,

And ev - 'ry - day walk humb - ly with your God.

The Lord Most High has shown you what is right and good:

Be just, be kind and humb - ly walk with God.