

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
Harvest Festival

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Trad. English melody, arr. Barbara B. Kinyon)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 284:*** "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

***Opening Prayer***

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

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology*

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

***New Testament Reading:*** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

***Sermon:*** "THE BIORHYTHMS OF FAITH"

***Hymn 78:*** "Christ Is the World's True Light"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 578 (v. 2):*** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

With praise and thanksgiving to You ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing Your children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us; with Your light now lead us. Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jen Hall, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

Matthias Claudias, 1740–1815

Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Trans. by Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.

1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,  
 2. He on - ly is the mak - er Of all things near and far;  
 3. We thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, For all things bright and good:

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand.  
 He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star.  
 The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food.

He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey Him, By Him the birds are fed;  
 Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Thy love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh - ing rain.  
 Much more, to us His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.  
 And, what Thou most de - sir - est, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

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"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heav'n a - bove; Then  
thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love. A-men.

Master,  
The fields around us lie fallow,  
waiting to fulfill their high calling.  
Give us heart to creatively tear down  
the fences that confine and surround them,  
that we may follow the call  
to cultivate Your land to fruitfulness;  
put our hands to the plow and harrow,  
and sow the seed of Your redeeming love  
into the fullness of life in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

Christ Is the World's True Light

George W. Briggs, 1875-1959

Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1649-1701  
Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

1. Christ is the world's true light, Its cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2. In Christ all ra - ces meet, Their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3. One Lord, in one great name U - nite us all who claim You;

The day - star clear and bright Of ev - 'ry land and na - tion;  
The whole round world com - plete, From sun - rise to its set - ting;  
Cast out our pride and shame That hin - der all to name You;

New life, new hope a - wakes Wher - e'er we own God's way; From  
When Christ is throned as Lord, All shall for - sake their fear To  
The world has wait - ed long, Has la - bored long in pain; To

bon - dage free - dom breaks, And night is turned to day.  
plough-share beat the sword, To prun - ing-hook the spear.  
heal its an - cient wrong. Come, Prince of peace, and reign. A-men.