

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (arr. Cindy Berry)

Opening Sentences

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

Opening Prayer

Special Music: "Ave Verum" (Wolfgang A. Mozart)

Report on NACCC Annual Meeting: Jen Hall and Rev. Art Ritter

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Sermon: "THE NUANCES OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION"

Hymn 488: "Flesh of His Flesh"

Benediction

Benediction Response 497 (v. 1): "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Jen Hall, Rev. Art Ritter

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.

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Flesh of His Flesh

Michael Card, 1957-

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Refrain *Unison*

Chords: C F C

We are flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone. His

Chords: F C Dm⁷ G

Spir - it has brought us to - geth - er as one. Though

Chords: Am F C

we may be sep-'rate, we're one per-fect whole, for we are His bod-y and

Chords: G C G C (Last time)

He is our soul.

(Last time)

