

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (George Matheson and Albert L. Peace)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 373:*** "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

***Opening Prayer***

***Anthem:*** "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Alice Parker)

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

*Doxology*

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

***Gospel Reading:*** Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

***Sermon:*** "THE DISABLED GOD"

***Hymn 289:*** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 550 (v. 1):*** "All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Daun Ketcheson, Chancel Choir

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Anna L. Waring, 1823-1910

Traditional Finnish Melody

Adapt. and harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

1. In heav'n-ly love a - bid - ing, No change my heart shall fear,  
 2. Wher - ev - er He may guide me, No want shall turn me back;  
 3. Green pas-tures are be - fore me, Which yet I have not seen;

And safe is such con - fid - ing, For noth - ing chang - es here.  
 My shep-herd is be - side me, And noth - ing can I lack.  
 Bright skies will soon be o'er me, Where the dark clouds have been.

The storm may roar with - out me, My heart may low be laid, But  
 His wis - dom ev - er wak - eth; His sight is nev - er dim; He  
 My hope I can - not meas - ure; The path to life is free; My


God is round a - bout me, And can I be dis-mayed?  
 knows the way He tak - eth, And I will walk with Him.  
 Sav - ior has my treas - ure, And He will walk with me. A-men.

## Help Us Accept Each Other



John 15:12

Fred Kaan, 1929-



John Ness Beck, 1930-1987

*Unison*


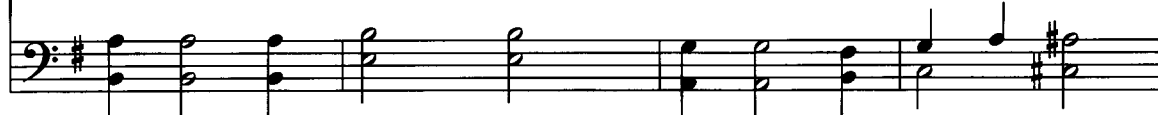
1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let Your ac - cept-ance change us, So that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.  
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.  
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;  
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For right - eous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,  
 To prac - tice Your ac - cept - ance Un - til we know by heart  
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:




We are our - selves ac - cept - ed, And meant to love and live.  
 To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.  
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness, And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

