

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Filipe de Giardini, arr. Cindy Berry) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Jen

Hymn 261: "All Creatures of Our God and King" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Jen

Special Music: "The Lord's Prayer" (Arnold Strals) - Barb/DeeAnn

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

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

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 - Rachel

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Sermon: "LIVING IN THE IN-BETWEEN" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 474: "Hymn of Promise" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 576: "May the Lord Bless You" - DeeAnn et al.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage for ev'ry endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jen Hall, Rachel Gehres

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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All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226

Trans. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933

Geistliche Kerchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Unison

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, Ye
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, For -
 5. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, And

up your voice and with us sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O praise Him, Al - le -
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O sing ye, Al - le -
 wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O praise Him, Al - le -

lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou
 lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye
 lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That
 lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, Praise
 lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 8.8.4.4.8.8 with Alleluias

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

Third verse: "That givest us (or all) both"

Fourth verse: "And all ye folk of tender heart" or "All who possess a tender heart"

GOD'S REVELATION

sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
giv - est man both warmth and light, O
God and on Him cast your care.
praise the Spir - it, three in One.

praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Creator God,

May the majesty of Your creation forever remain a mystery, that we may know wonder and awe, and with joyful hearts sing Alleluia.

May the creative power of Your spoken word be made available to us through the understanding of Your written word, that we may sing Alleluia with grateful hearts.

For the miracle of birth and Your gift of rebirth through Jesus, may we sing Alleluia with loving hearts.

While You remain omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient, may all come to know You as trusting friend and personal Savior, and with new and clean and faithful hearts sing Alleluia.

Amen.

Joellen Hoth

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
 2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our

seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
 word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
 time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -

prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
 dark - ness, Bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
 liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our

cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
 past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, Some-thing God a-lone can see.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God's Covenant People". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.