# 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 261 All Creatures of Our God and King

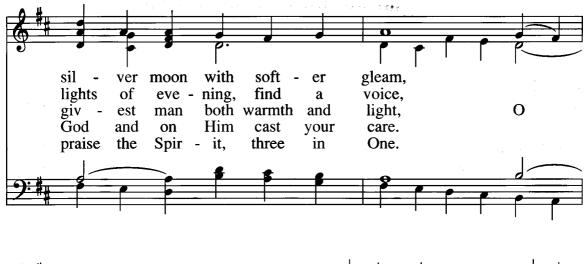
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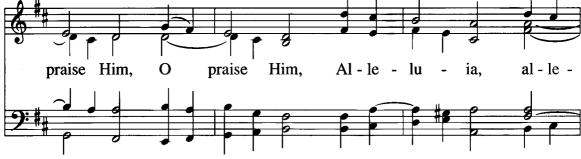


Third verse: "That givest us (or all) both"

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

**GOD'S REVELATION** 







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

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# Hymn of Promise

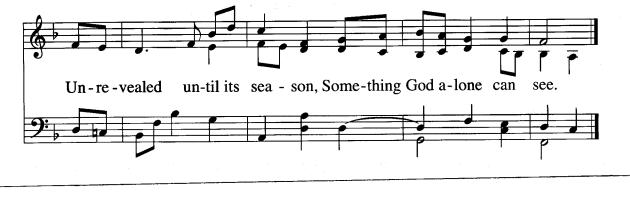
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