MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "I Love to Tell the Story" (arr. Michael Hassell) - Dave

Opening Sentences - Wendy

Hymn 395: "How Can I Keep From Singing" - DeeAnn/Dave et al.

Opening Prayer - Wendy

Special Music: "It Is Well With My Soul" (Horatio Spafford and Philip Bliss, arr. Cindy Berry) -

Barb/Jerry/DeeAnn

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:13-17 - Rachel

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

New Testament Reading: Romans 11:33-36 - Rachel

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Sermon: "GOD'S STUFF...OUR STUFF" - Rev. Dave

Hymn 385: "On Eagle's Wings" - Barb/DeeAnn/Dave et al.

(Barb will sing the verses; the congregation will join on the refrain each time)

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response: "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace" - DeeAnn et al.

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of Thee.

Greet One Another - All

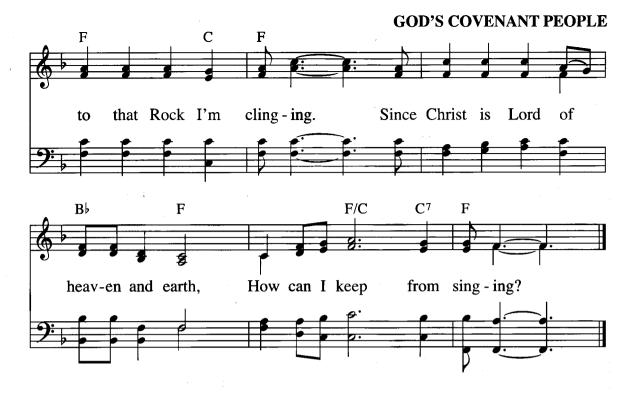
Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. David Bandfield, Jerry & Barb Fuller, Wendy Kushion, Rachel Gehres

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How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899 Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, alt. F B♭ life end - less 1. **M**y flows on in song; 2. Through all the and the strife, I tu mult die? The 3. What though com - forts my joys and 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, F F bove earth's lam en - ta - tion, catch the sweet, though that sic ring - ing. finds ech - o hear mu It an dark - ness Lord. my Sav ior, liv - eth. What though the foun - tain er spring-ing! All things are mine since ev Βŀ F C^7 F That hails far - off hymn cre - a - tion. a new soul. How can in my Ι keep from sing - ing? round? Songs in the night He giv - eth. gath - er his! How can Ι am keep from sing - ing? C Dm No shake calm While storm can my in - most

> HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 8.7.8.7 with Refrain



Eternal God, thank You for Your gift of music. Even when we find ourselves in deep despair—when we are anxious, disheartened and lonely—we cannot keep from singing. Out of the depths of our being, we find the strength and the courage to heal through the power of music. When the Hebrews were in exile and cried out, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord in a foreign land," You gave them succor and called them to remember Your promise. We, too, sometimes feel abandoned and alone. Yet You remain a constant presence and source of comfort. Through Christ, You continue to be our rock of refuge to which we can always cling.

How can we keep from singing! Amen.

385 On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas, 1951-Michael Joncas, 1951-Verses 1-3 1. You dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a who (2.) snare of the fowl-er will nev - er cap-ture you, and ter-ror of the night, nor the 3. You need not the fear G Dmaj⁷/F# His shad-ow for life, to the Lord: "My bide in say will bring you no fear: un-der His wings your fam-ine though thou - sands fall that flies by day; ar - row Dmaj⁷/F# F G









Almighty God, there are times in my life when I feel so vulnerable and so alone. The world can be a frightening place. There are dark shadows on every path. Fearful news overwhelms me. Questions and concerns worry me. I do not have the strength to carry on alone.

In those times I am grateful for Your care for me. In Your presence, I find comfort. In Your word, I find strength. In Your promise, I find assurance. My hope is in You. I dare to trust in You alone.

Lift me up, O God. Hold me in Your confident hands. Provide me with the energy of faith that I need for this and every hour. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Reverend Arthur P. Ritter