

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 9, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Lorraine

Prelude: "Lord of the Dance" (Ronan Hardiman, arr. Larry Moore) - Laura

Opening Sentences - Jerry

Hymn 252: "O Word of God Incarnate" - Laura et al.

Opening Prayer - Jerry

Special Music: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" (Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Judy Nishimura) - Laura

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Rev. Art

Doxology - Laura

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

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-20 - Lorraine

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

Sermon: "PEER PRESSURE" - Rev. Art

Observance of Holy Communion

Hymn 436: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" - Laura et al.

Benediction - Rev. Art

Benediction Response 361 (v. 3): "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - Laura et al.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Rev. Art Ritter, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Laura Sparks

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.

O Word of God Incarnate

William W. How, 1823-1897

Neu-vermehrtes Gesanbuch, Meiningen, 1693

Harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

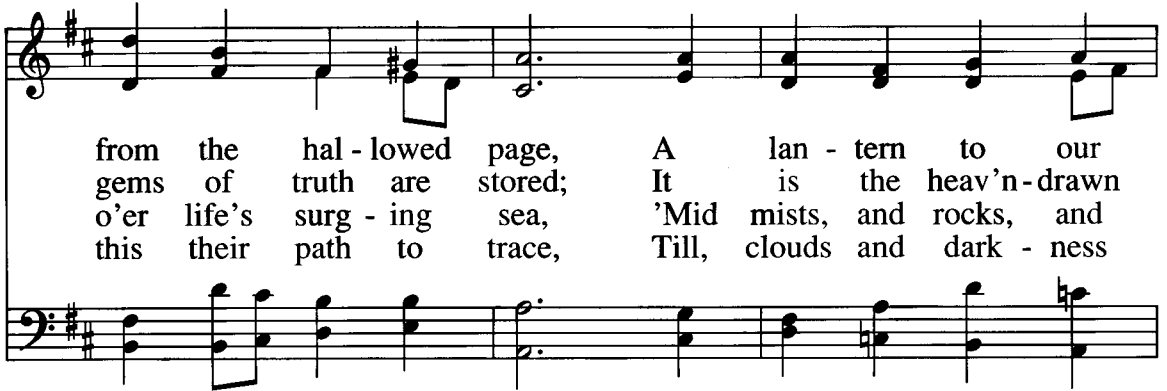
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O
 2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter Re -
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner Be -
 4. O make Thy Church, dear Sav - ior, A

Wis - dom from on high, O Truth un - changed, un -
 ceived the gift di - vine, And still that light she
 fore God's host un - furled; It shin - eth like a
 lamp of bur - nished gold, To bear a - mong the

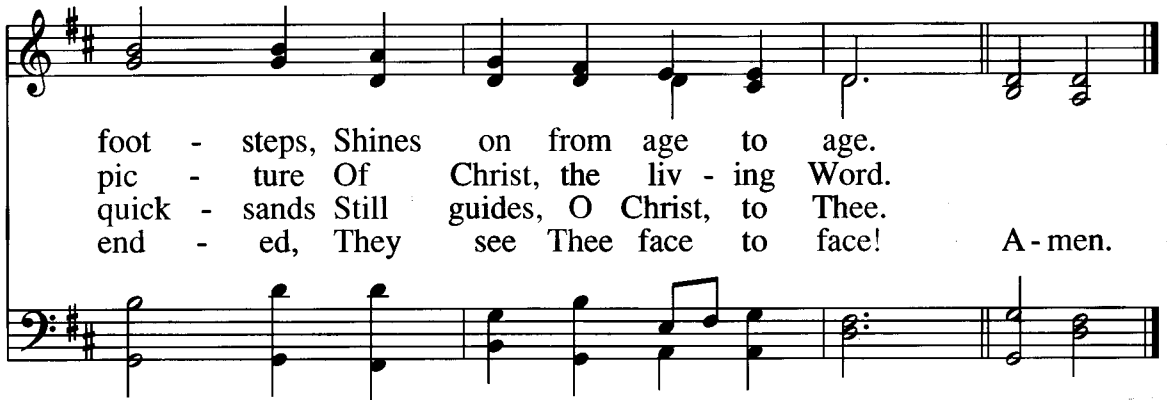
chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
 lift - eth O'er all the earth to shine.
 bea - con A - bove the dark - ling world;
 na - tions Thy true light as of old!

We praise Thee for the ra - diance That
 It is the gold - en cas - ket Where
 It is the chart and com - pass That
 O teach Thy wan - d'ring pil - grims By

GOD'S REVELATION



from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern to our
gems of truth are stored; It is the heav'n - drawn
o'er life's surg - ing sea, 'Mid mists, and rocks, and
this their path to trace, Till, clouds and dark - ness



foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
end - ed, They see Thee face to face! A - men.

Heavenly Father, Your light guides us through all of the depth of our needs in a darkened world. Your light makes brilliant our forgiven lives as we live faithfully in the freedom to be Your children. Just as the sunlight is one of the elements needed to make Your creation flourish and grow, so Your light strengthens us and allows us to clearly see Your glory. Be with Your people as we gather in Your name to sing Your mighty praise. What a gift to know that You have made us royal members of Your kingdom! Thank You for opening our eyes to the light of Your word. Amen.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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Washington Gladden, 1836-1918

H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move
 3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

In low - ly paths of serv - ice free;
 By some clear, win - ning word of love;
 In clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 Far down the fu - ture's broad - 'ning way,

Tell me Thy se - cret, help me bear
 Teach me the way - ward feet to stay,
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 In peace that on - ly Thou canst give,

The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 And guide them in the home - ward way.
 In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.