

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
Reception of New Members

**Welcome and Greeting** - Pastor Mark

**Prelude:** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Doris Aker) - DeeAnn

**Opening Sentences** - Jen

**Hymn 239:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Jen

**Anthem:** "All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice" (Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Hal H. Hopson) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

**Receiving New Members** (see insert): Sandy Axline, Sheron Hoort, Michael Judd

**Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts** - Pastor Mark

*Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn*

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

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 11:1-9 - Rachel

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

**Sermon:** "GOD'S GIFT OF DIFFERENCE" - Pastor Mark

**Observance of Holy Communion** (see insert) - Pastor Mark/Rev. Terry/Margery

**Hymn 289:** "Help Us Accept Each Other" - DeeAnn et al.

**Benediction** - Pastor Mark

**Benediction Response 231 (v. 1):** "Spirit Song" - DeeAnn et al.

O let the Son of God enfold you as your hearts are filled with joy; lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

**Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Terry Bobzien,  
Margery Briggs, Barb Fuller, Rachel Gehres, Jen Hall, Chancel Choir

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Minister: Seeking membership in this church, do you accept the religion of love and service that Jesus taught and lived; to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself; to make the spirit of Christ dominant in your relationships, also recognizing that we all are human; we make mistakes and sometimes we need to be forgiven and to offer forgiveness; do you therefore covenant together with all the members and friends of Mayflower Church to prayerfully promote harmony, faithfulness, and unconditional love, accepting a share in its privileges and duties, insofar as you are able, God being your helper?

*(Those joining will respond: "I do".)*

Mayflower's Response: *(The congregation is invited to rise, and read in unison.)*

**We rejoice with you and joyfully receive you into membership and fellowship. We pledge our Christian love as you have promised us. We humbly pray to God that both you and we may be true to this covenant forever, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### Mayflower Church Covenant

**We are a Christian church on a journey of worship, sacrament, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbors, both within our community and beyond. As God has made covenant with us, we covenant to love, care, and support one another, and to be prayerfully present with each other as we navigate the challenges of life. We celebrate diversity with the unique perspectives, backgrounds, and gifts each individual brings to our community. We seek to provide a safe space for questions, doubts, and exploration, encouraging lifelong quests of learning, growing, and deepening our understanding of scripture and the love of God. We pursue open and honest communication with respect for personal conscience. We commit ourselves to be faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures, to further the work of God's kingdom on earth. We affirm this covenant with open hearts and minds, trusting in the grace of God and the love of Christ.**

## 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.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1940–  
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1940–

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E A D

wil - der-ness call - ing and free; Spir -

G A D Bm

it, Spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,

G A7 D G D

wind, wind on the sea.

Verses D G A G D

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the deep,  
2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the sand  
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a hill,  
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient schemes.

# THE TRIUNE GOD

A D Bm

Then You coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
And You goad - ed Your peo - ple with a  
Then You whis - pered in si - lence when the  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the

E A D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons You  
law and a land; And when they were blind - ed with  
whole world was still; And down in the cit - y You  
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D Bm

called to each thing: "A - wake from your  
i - dols and lies, Then You spoke through Your  
called once a - gain, When You blew through Your  
men clear their eyes. With bold new de -

Gmaj7 Em7 A7 D D.C.

slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
ci - sions Your peo - ple a - rise.

## 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!

## Spirit Song

John Wimber, 1934-

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1. O let the Son of God en - fold you with His  
2. O come and sing this song with glad - ness as your

Spir - it and His love; Let Him fill your heart and  
hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur -

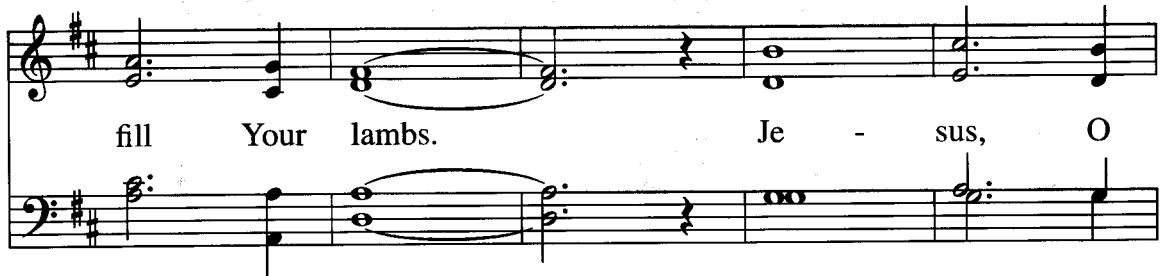
sat - is - fy your soul. O let Him have the things that  
ren - der to His name. O give Him all your tears and

hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, Will de -  
sad - ness; give Him all your years of pain, And you'll

scend up - on your life and make you whole.  
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

SPirit SONG  
Irregular

## THE TRIUNE GOD



Almighty, Living God,  
we have gathered in Your name, together in this holy place,  
and we now wait expectantly  
for You to fill this house with Your holy presence.  
Let us experience You in a way that is new and fresh and tangible.

Like the blowing of a violent wind,  
come upon us with an irresistible force.  
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit until we are overflowing,  
so that every word we speak and every action we take  
may be an outpouring of Your Spirit in us  
to a world that is empty without You and is waiting to be filled.

Amen.

Pastor Chris Stephens