

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 25, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (Chester G. Allen, arr. Mark Hayes) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Gail

Hymn 248: "How Firm a Foundation" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Gail

Special Music: "Here I Am, Lord" (Isaiah 6:8, Daniel L. Schutte) - Bill/DeeAnn

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

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-9 - Rachel

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Message: "DISABILITY, HEALING, AND HOPE" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 389: "Be Still, My Soul" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 580 (v. 3): "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" - DeeAnn et al.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put His arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rachel Gehres, Gail Sawyer, Bill Baldwin

How Firm a Foundation

Rippon's, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Traditional American Melody
Caldwell's, *Union Harmony*, 1837

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
 The riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee, thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!" A - men.

Be Still, My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel, 1697-?

Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957

Trans. by Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side!
 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 To guide the fu - ture as He has the past;
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide:
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake:
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re - main.
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'n - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.



Gracious God, quiet the tremors of my mind and heart so that I might know of Your ever-present and ever-generous power in my life and in all life.

Amid the challenges, insecurities and equivocations of my world, help me to see Your Spirit at work. Open my mind, open my heart, break open my life so that Your free-flowing and ever-loving presence might pour generously into my daily affairs, and into the lives of all who are hurting this day.

For in Your presence, God, our lives encounter the majesties of Your life. Our anxieties are calmed, our hearts are rested, our thoughts are ordered; for the Dayspring of Your eternal life is ours in Christ Jesus, the One who knows our suffering.

Emboldened with the promise of Your presence, I go forth to reflect Your light in all I encounter, confident that You are there, present and able.

Your peace permeates all there is. And all is well.

Amen.

Rev. Samuel Schaal