MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Easter **Communion Sunday**

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Carl G. Glasser, arr. Mark Hayes) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Sue

Hymn 317: "The Summons" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Sue

Anthem: "A Pastoral Prayer" (Helen Lipscomb) - Barb/DeeAnn//Marsha/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn

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

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19 - Margery

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the lord that the other said to the said to the other said to the said to the other said to the othe that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Sermon: "RESURRECTION AND REHABILITATION" - Pastor Mark

Observance of Holy Communion - Pastor Mark, Rachel, Margery

Hymn 324: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Response Hymn 317 (v. 4): "The Summons" - DeeAnn et al. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Sue Kohler, Rachel Gehres, Margery Briggs, Chancel Choir

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

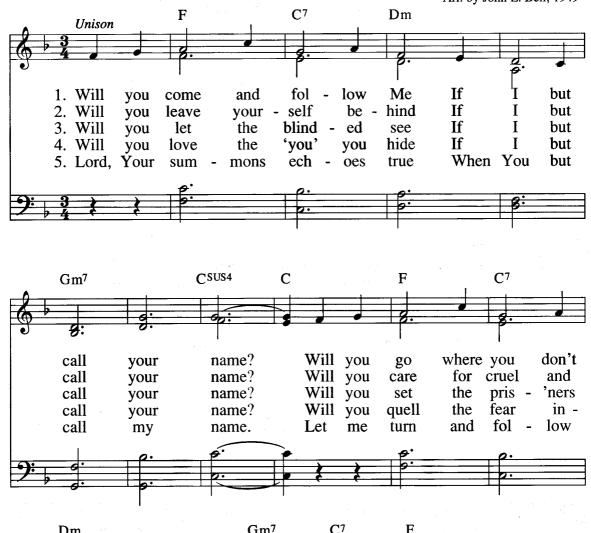
All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

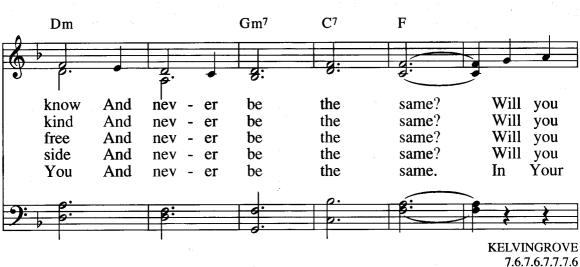
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The Summons

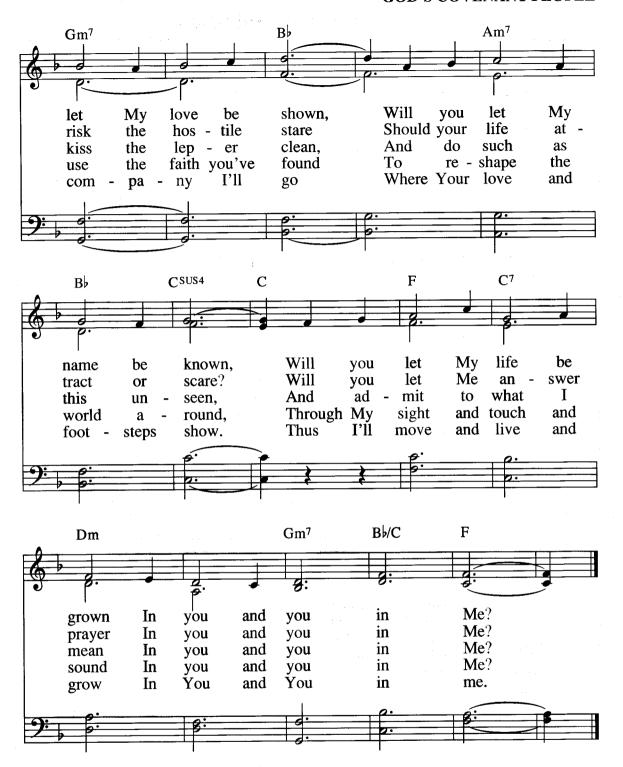
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Traditional Scottish Melody Arr. by John L. Bell, 1949–





GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (Pescador de Hombres)

Matthew 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11 Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1936–1991

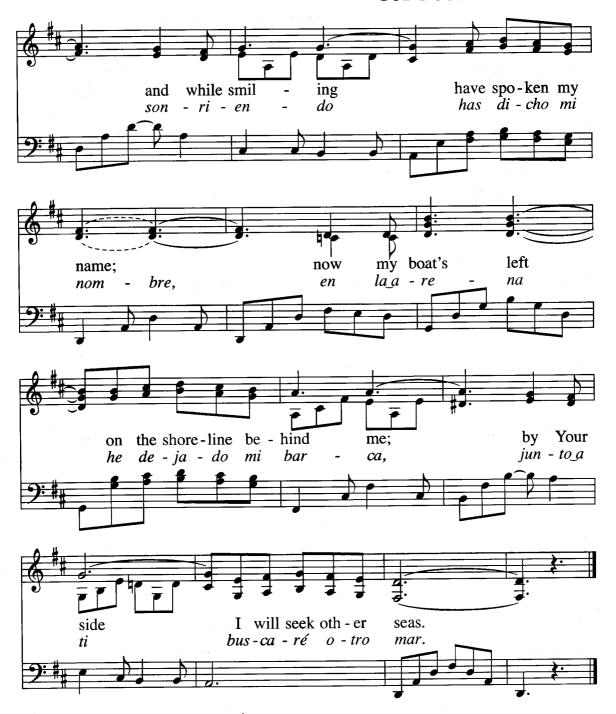
Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1936–1991 Harm. by Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1945–1992

Trans. by Gertrude C. Suppe, 1911–,

George F. Lockwood, 1946-, and Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1927-



GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



- 1. Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos, tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2. Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas, tan sólo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3. Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4. Tú, pescador de otros lagos, ansia eterna de almas que esperan, amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo