

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Welsh Hymn Tune, arr. Brian C. Howell) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Jenn

Hymn 456: "God of Grace and God of Glory" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Jenn

Anthem: "In This Very Room" (Ron and Carol Harris) - Barb/DeeAnn/Chancel Choir

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: Luke 16:1-13 - Rachel

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Sermon: "A PERFECTLY PUZZLING PARABLE" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 431: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 539 (v. 5): "Let Your Heart Be Broken" - DeeAnn et al.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear—rouse yourself to action, serve God far and near. Let your heart be broken by another's pain, share your rich resources—give and give again.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barbara Fuller, Jenn Hall, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

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God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-1969

John Hughes, 1873-1932

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

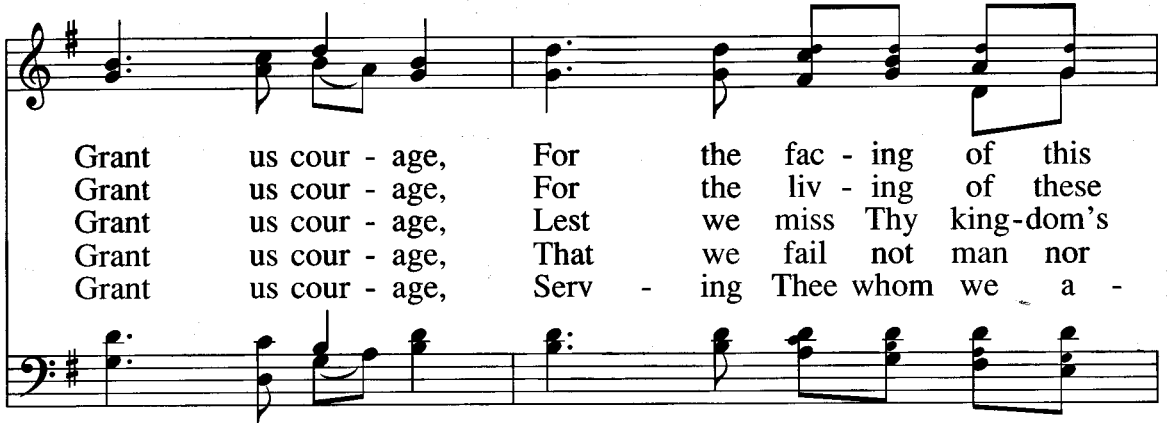
pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an - cient Chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ-like grac - es
 we de - plore; Let the search for Thy sal - va - tion

Bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 In the fight to set men free. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

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Fourth verse: "In the fight to set us free" and
 "So that we may honor Thee" or "So that we do not fail Thee"

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Grant us cour - age, For the fac - ing of this
Grant us cour - age, For the liv - ing of these
Grant us cour - age, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's
Grant us cour - age, That we fail not man nor
Grant us cour - age, Serv - ing Thee whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.
dore, Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore. A - men.

God of grace and glory, we lift up our hearts in praise to You this day. You have ever reached out to us in the midst of our sin and darkness to shine Your light of hope into our lives. Before we even knew to call out Your name, You answered our cries. Before our prayers of longing left our lips, You heard and answered.

Merciful Lord, we acknowledge that all we are and all we have flows from Your hand. In the power of the Holy Spirit, You free us from the chains that bind us, and so we thank You. By Your gift of grace, You meet our every need, and so we adore You. With Your blessing of love, You anoint us, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, and so we praise You.

Holy God, sanctify us and teach us to serve You as true followers of the Servant King. Grant us wisdom to discern Your will, and courage to walk faithfully in its light, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we
 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us; Be the
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly
 4. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and

need Thy ten - der care; In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin de -
 let us do Thy will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly
 sin - ful though we be; Thou hast mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos - oms fill.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear Thy
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

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bought us, Thine we are; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 chil - dren when they pray; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 loved us, love us still; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed
 let us turn to Thee; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed

Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
 Je - sus, Hear Thy chil - dren when they pray.
 Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.
 Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee. A - men.

Jesus, we come to You in praise.

Jesus, rabbi, teacher,
 You came to Your people and sat among us,
 teaching, and feeding, and expressing Your care.
 We are fed—Hallelujah.

Jesus, fisher of men,
 You come to the ordinary places of our lives
 and ask us to follow You.
 We follow in faith—Praise be to God.

Jesus, our friend,
 You challenged us with the parables of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son,
 and with Your healing of the leper.
 You taught and acted.
 You healed and rested.

In wonder we show our praise through daily acts of love.

Your compassion provided acceptance to the woman at the well.
 Your tender caring cherished the faith of the children held in Your lap.
 Your anger turned over tables when we worshipped the world instead of Your Father.
 Your question stopped our arguing on the road, when we were feeling self-important.
 Your impatience challenged our pious exercises of faith.

Precious Lord, You bring us forgiveness and love.
 Son of God, Messiah of the world, we praise Your name.
 Your grace enfolds us and frees us to follow You.