

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Communion Sunday

**Welcome and Greeting** - Pastor Mark

**Prelude:** "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes) - DeeAnn

**Opening Sentences** - Wendy

**Hymn 367:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Wendy

**Special Music:** "Blessed Assurance" (Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Larry Sue) - Lorraine/Shannon/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:** Luke 14:25-33 - Rachel

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Sermon:** "JESUS SAID WHAT?" - Pastor Mark

**Observance of Holy Communion** - Pastor Mark, Pastor Margery, Pastor Rachel

**Hymn 524:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" - DeeAnn et al.

**Benediction** - Pastor Mark

**Benediction Response 578 (v. 1):** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The service is ended; Oh, now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

**Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Margery Briggs,  
Wendy Kushion, Pastor Rachel Gehres, Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn

## 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

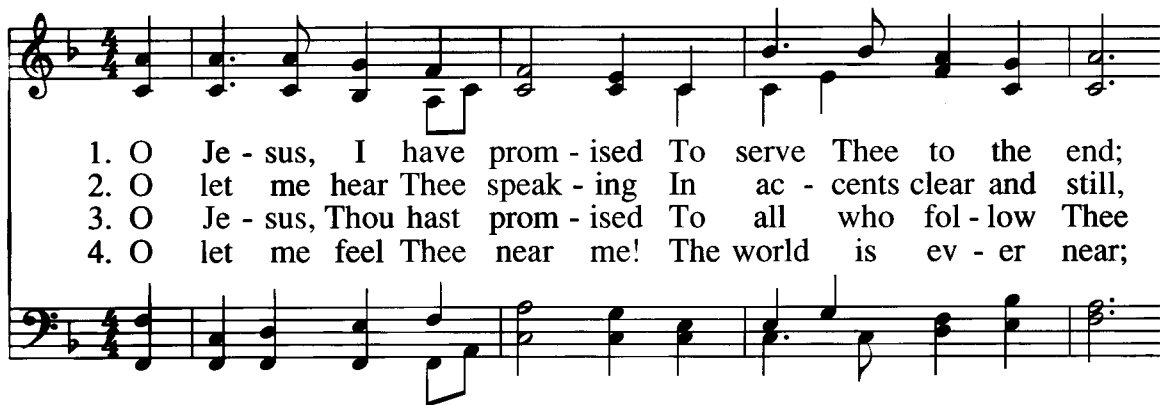
**All:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer.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

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1816-1874

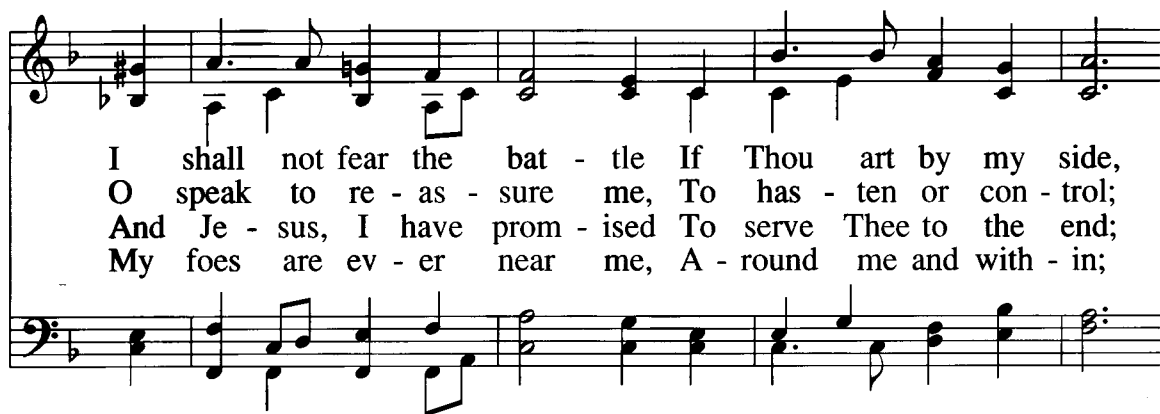
Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929



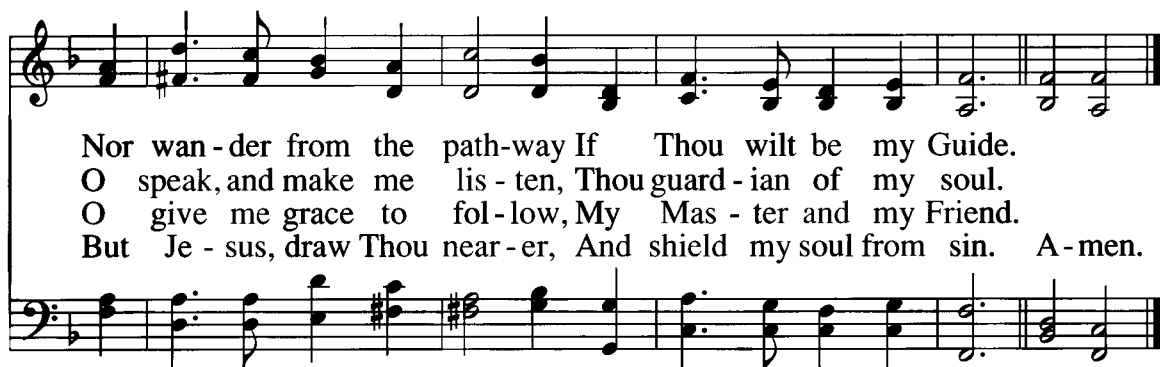
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 2. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,  
 3. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee  
 4. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend.  
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.  
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my Guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.  
 But Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin. A - men.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

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Spiritual

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*Unison*

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

LET US BREAK BREAD

10.10 with Refrain