

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

Sunday, December 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (13th Century Plainsong, arr. Cindy Berry)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 85:*** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

***Opening Prayer***

***Lighting of the Advent Candle:*** The Candle of Love

***Anthem:*** "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" (Paul and Ruth Manz)

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology (Hymn 563)*

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

***Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

***Sermon:*** "LISTEN TO YOUR ANGEL"

***Hymn 94:*** "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response Hymn 153:*** "Siyahamba/We Are Marching"

1) We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, Oo, we are marching in the light of God. 2) We are singing. . . 3) We are listening. . .

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Roger Kennedy, Chancel Choir

# THE TRIUNE GOD

## 85 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Based on Psalm 24

Thomas Williams', *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

Georg Weissel, 1590-1635

Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;  
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;  
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide  
4. So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in!  
5. O blest the land, the cit - y blest,

Be - hold the King of glo - ry waits!  
Make it a tem - ple, set a - part  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, a - bid!  
Let new and no - bler life be - gin;  
Where Christ the rul - er is con - fest!

The King of kings is draw - ing near;  
From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy,  
Let me Thy in - ner pres - ence feel;  
Thy Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on,  
O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes

The Sav - ior of the world is here.  
A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
Thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
Un - til the glo - rious crown be won.  
To whom this King of tri - umph comes! A - men.

*Unison*

1. To a maid en - gaged to Jo - seph, The an - gel Ga - briel  
 2. "For you are high - ly fa - vored By God, the Lord of  
 3. But Mar - y was most trou - bled To hear the an - gel's  
 4. "Fear not, for God is with you, And you shall bear a  
 5. "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a  
 6. As Mar - y heard the an - gel, She won - dered at his

came. "Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I  
 all, Who e - ven now is with you. You  
 word. What was the an - gel say - ing? It  
 child. His name shall be called Je - sus, God's  
 wife." The an - gel an - swered quick - ly "The  
 words. "Be - hold, I am your hand - maid," She

come to bring good news. Good news I come to  
 are on earth most blest, You are most blest, most  
 trou - bled her to hear, To hear the an - gel's  
 off - spring from on high. And He shall reign for -  
 pow'r of the Most High Will come up - on you  
 said un - to her God. "So be it, I am

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tell you, Good news, I say, good news.  
bless - ed, God chose you, you are blest!"  
mes - sage, It trou - bled her to hear.  
ev - er, For - ev - er reign on high."  
short - ly; Your child will be God's child."  
read - y Ac - cord - ing to your Word."