

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 27, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (17th century French, arr. Sandra Eithun)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 84: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Hope

Anthem: "Advent Cry" (from The Winter Rose) (Joseph M. Martin)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology (Hymn 563)

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon: "THE FUTURE IS NOW"

Hymn 310: "World Peace Prayer"

Benediction

Benediction Response Hymn 92 (v. 4): "O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Roger Kennedy,
Bill and Sue Baldwin, Marsha Hacker, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

THE TRIUNE GOD

84

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Isaiah 40:1-8

Johann Olearius, 1611-1684

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

1. Com - fort, com - fort, ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth In the des - ert
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er

saith our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
far and near, Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance
plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load. Speak ye to Je -
Since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
As be - fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

GENEVA 42
8.7.8.7.7.8.8

Second verse: "Bidding people to repentance"

THE TRIUNE GOD

Tell her that her sins I cov - er,
Let the val - leys rise to meet Him
And all flesh shall see the to - ken

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

And her war - fare now is o - ver.
And the hills bow down to greet Him.
That His word is nev - er bro - ken. A - men.

The second system of musical notation continues with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff features a melody with some rests and a final cadence. The bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

O God of power and might, Creator of light and of darkness, of the earth and the stars, speak anew to Your people gathered to worship You and sing Your praise. Like Israel of old we wait in darkness, anticipating the Light who will dawn upon us and lift us from shadowy gloom into the glowing splendor of Your presence. So, we ask You, speak to us a word of comfort, a word of hope, a word that will keep our anticipation alive as we wait for the Coming One who brings Your creative Word into our very flesh and makes us one with You. Enable us, in turn, to be bringers of comfort to those who long and wait for You, preparing the way of Your kingdom, already present and yet to come. All this we ask in the name of him whom prophets foretold, the Word who speaks comfort and hope, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rev. Steven A. Peay, Ph.D.

Refrain *Unison*

C⁷ F G C Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth,

Dm⁷ G C C⁷

from de - spir to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from

Dm⁷ G C E⁷ Am Dm⁷

hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our

G Em⁷ Am Dm C/E F C/G G C

hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 6.6.6.5.9.10 with Refrain

GOD'S REVELATION

Verses

C Dm7 G Em7

1. Still all the an - gry cries, Still all the an - gry guns,
 2. So man - y lone - ly hearts, So man - y bro - ken lives,
 3. Let jus - tice ev - er roll, Let mer - cy fill the earth,

Am Dm7 G C

Still now Your peo - ple die, Earth's sons and daugh - ters.
 Long - ing for love to break In - to their dark - ness.
 Let us be - gin to grow In - to Your peo - ple.

Am Dm7 E7 Am

Let jus - tice roll, let mer - cy pour down,
 Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,
 We can be love, we can bring peace,

F D7 C/G G7 C D.C.

Come and teach us Your way of com - pas - sion.
 Come and teach us Your way of com - pas - sion.
 We can still be Your way of com - pas - sion.