

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent
Dedication of Lift

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" (arr. Sandra Eithun)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 89: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace

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

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Sermon: "LAMENT: A PLEA FOR COMFORT"

Hymn 92: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Dedication of Lift: Psalm 84:4-5, 10

Congregation stands when indicated and reads in unison: "Today we dedicate the long-awaited platform lift, which will provide assistance for all who need it to move to and from the sanctuary and the Friendship Center. With loving care, sacrificial giving and hard work, we, the Beloved Community of the Mayflower Congregational Church now dedicate this universal access for all to enjoy the benefits of both worship and fellowship to the glory of God. 'How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.' Amen."

Benediction

Benediction Response

Greet One Another

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Kathy Farnum, Daun and Roy Ketcheson, Mayflower Ringers, Chancel Choir, Marsha Hacker, Shannon Quinn, Kim Finison

THE TRIUNE GOD

89

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Haggai 2:7

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Attr. to Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716

Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the
 3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and
 4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us,
 earth Thou art: Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
 yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
 hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it

Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men.

STUTT GART
8.7.8.7

THE TRIUNE GOD

92

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin, ca. 9th C.

Chant Plainsong

Sts. 1, 2, trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

Sts. 3, 4, trans. by Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex -
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds
 all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl -
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar -

ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 edge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
 rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

VENI EMMANUEL

LM with Refrain

THE TRIUNE GOD

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!".