

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "In the Judean Hills" (from The Winter Rose) (Joseph M. Martin)

***Opening Sentences***

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

***Opening Prayer***

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

***Anthem:*** "Dance Into the Light" (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)

***Gospel Reading:*** Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

***Sermon: "FAVORED ONES"***

***Hymn 113:*** "O Holy Night"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 84 (v. 3):*** "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that His Word is never broken.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Art Ritter, Barb and Jerry Fuller,  
Lorraine Finison, Glenn and Carol Dunn, Chancel Choir

*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."

O Holy Night

John S. Dwight, 1813-1893

Adolphe C. Adam, 1803-1856

1. O ho - ly  
2. Led by the  
3. Truly He

night! the stars are bright - ly shin - ing; It is the  
light of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, With glow - ing  
taught us to love one an - oth - er; His law is

night of the dear Sav - ior's birth.  
hearts by His cra - dle we stand.  
love and His gos - pel is peace.

Long lay the world in sin and er - ror  
So led by light of a star sweet - ly  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our

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pin - ing, Till He ap-peared and the soul felt its  
gleam - ing, Here came the Wise Men from O - ri - ent  
broth - er, And in His name all op-pres - sion shall

worth.  
land.  
cease.

A thrill of hope— the  
The King of kings lay  
Sweet hymns of joy in

wea - ry world re-joic - es, For yon - der breaks a  
thus in low - ly man - ger, In all our tri - als  
grate - ful cho - rus raise we; Let all with - in us

new and glo - rious morn! Fall on your knees! O  
born to be our Friend. He knows our need— to our  
praise His ho - ly name. Christ is the Lord! O

hear the an - gel voic - es! O night di -  
weak - ness is no stran - ger. Be - hold your  
praise His name for - ev - er! His pow'r and

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vine, O night when Christ was  
King, be - fore Him low - ly  
glo - ry ev - er - more pro -

born! O night, O ho - ly  
bend! Be - hold your King, be -  
claim! \*His pow'r and glo - ry

1., 2. 3.  
night, O night di - vine!  
fore Him low - ly bend!  
ev - er - more pro - claim!

*\*Optional extended or choral ending*

His pow'r and glo - ry

ev - er - more pro - claim!