

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

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

Opening Sentences - Roger

Hymn 393: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Roger

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Candle of Joy

Anthem: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee!" (Philipp Nicolai, harm. J. S. Bach) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

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

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 - Rachel

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Sermon: "FROM JUDGMENT TO MERCY" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 88: "Canticle of the Turning" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 88 (refrain): "Canticle of the Turning" - DeeAnn et al.

My heart shall sing of the day You bring. Let the fires of Your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Greet One Another - All

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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

John Darwall, 1731-1789

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
 When He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice! A - men.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Canticle of the Turning

Luke 1:46-58

Rory Cooney, 1952-

Irish Traditional

Arr. by Rory Cooney, 1952-

Verses Unison

Em C D

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, You
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D Em

God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And Your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for Your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

G D Em C Em

won - drous things that You bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

G D

fixed Your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

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Em C D Em

weak-ness You did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for You yearn, You will show Your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

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Em C D Em

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