

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

Sunday, December 29, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

**Welcome and Greeting** - Lorraine

**Prelude:** "Wexford Carol" (Trad. Irish Carol, arr. Phillip Keveren) - Barb

**Opening Sentences** - Gail

\* **Hymn 133:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" - Barb et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Gail

**Solo:** "Mary, Did You Know?" (Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene) - Marsha/Barb

**Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts** - Rachel

\* *Doxology (Hymn 563) - Barb et al.*

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

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:41-52 - Lorraine

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**Sermon:** "GROWING PAINS: EMBRACING CHANGE AND NEW BEGINNINGS" - Rachel

\* **Hymn 270:** "A New Year God Has Given" - Barb et al.

\* **Benediction** - Rachel

\* **Benediction Response 133 (v. 3):** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" - Barb et al.

O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our ev'ry load.

\* **Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Pastoral Intern Rachel Gehres, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Gail Sawyer, Marsha Hacker

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Speier Gesangbuch, 1599

Sts. 1, 2, trans. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

St. 3, *The Hymnal*, 1940

Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1599

Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
 3. O Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing As men of old have  
 mind, With Mar-y we be - hold it, The Vir-gin Moth - er  
 air, Dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

sung. It came, a blos-som bright, A - mid the cold of  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a  
 where; True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death now

win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

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First verse: "As those of old have sung"

Second verse: "She bore to us a Savior"

## A New Year God Has Given

270

Jack Brown

George J. Webb, 1803-1887

1. A new year God has giv - en For us to live each day  
 2. Each day will have its tri - als, Each day we'll see His grace,  
 3. To those who love Him whole - ly All things will work for good;  
 4. "Re - deem the time," He tells us Be - fore it's gone and lost;

In hap - py, faith - ful serv - ice His wish - es to o - bey.  
 For God has prom - ised sure - ly To bless us in our place.  
 To those who fol - low close - ly God's will seen in His Word.  
 De - cide to stay com - mit - ted To do what mat - ters most.

Each mo - ment through each sea - son His bless - ings we will see;  
 He calls us first to seek Him—His reign and right - eous - ness,  
 Each day will of - fer choic - es In which to make it clear  
 By day we'll try to please Him, At night we'll trust His Word;

The priv - i - lege He gives us To live a - bun - dant - ly.  
 Then trust Him to be faith - ful With help and gra - cious - ness.  
 If God's way is our op - tion Or if our own's more dear.  
 Through dark times and in bright ones We'll hon - or Christ our Lord.

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

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