## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 12, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent

## Welcome and Greeting

**Prelude:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (13th Century Plainsong, arr. Norris L. Stephens)

**Opening Sentences** 

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

**Opening Prayer** 

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

**Special Music:** "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" (George Frederic Handel, arr. Faye Lopez)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

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: "GOING HOME"

Hymn 495: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Benediction

Benediction Response 380 (v. 2): "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

#### Greet One Another

<u>Today's Participants</u>: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z, Gina Patton, Roger Kennedy, Ann McClelland, Shannon Quinn, Lorraine Finison

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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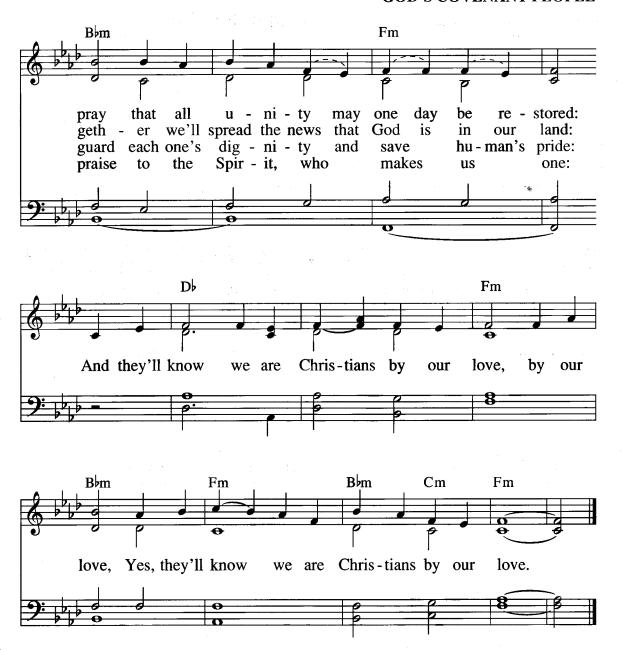
# They'll Know We Are Christians

John 13:35 Peter Scholtes, 1938– Peter Scholtes, 1938-

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## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.