## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Welcome and Greeting

**Prelude:** "Ave Maria" (Franz Schubert, arr. Faye Lopez)

**Opening Sentences** 

Hymn 8: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

**Opening Prayer** 

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

**Special Music:** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Spiritual, arr. Carolyn Jennings)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Sermon: "SHE SAID 'YES'!"

Hymn 91: "Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus"

Benediction

Benediction Response 541 (refrain only): "Here I Am, Lord"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

#### Greet One Another

<u>Today's Participants</u>: Pastor Mark McCormick, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, Jamie Keller, Justin Stephens, Gail Sawyer

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



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### Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus

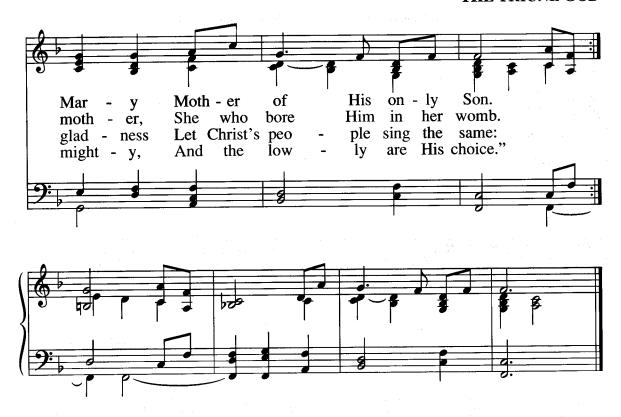
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Eternal God, Creator of and Presence within all Your creatures, remind us of the value we have as Your holy vessels. Help us to sing with joy when we discover the light of Your Son glowing within us, and empower us to nurture and sustain Him, as did His beloved mother. We pray that You enable us to share the precious light of His coming and to carry it into all the dark corners of this world. In His name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Alice Murphy