

MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 - 10:30am



WE BELIEVE: Faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us to faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates *please stand if you are able*.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew. Prayer request cards

may be placed in the offering and will be added to our prayer list.

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Le Rendez-vous de chasse (Giacomo Rossini)

Horn Quartet

Daughter of Zion (G. F. Handel)

Urlicht from *Symphony No. 2* (Gustav Mahler, arr. Richards)

Lützow's Wild Ride (von Weber)

Divertimento (W. A. Mozart)

Andante (Anton Bruckner)

Blessing and Honor (G. F. Handel)

La Réjouissance from *Music for Royal Fireworks* (G. F. Handel)

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Steve Armfield

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

INTROIT

This is the Day

Chancel Choir

Jacobus Gallus (1550-1591)

and Horn Quartet

This is the day the Lord hath made: we will all rejoice, be glad in it. Alleluia! (Psalm 118:24)

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Schneider

Leader: This is the day:

**People: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

**People: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

Leader: This is the day - Easter Day!

All: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196* *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

OPENING PRAYER*

John Schneider

Leader: O God, week after week you arise, gathering your people, proclaiming your word of life, feeding us with food that is eternal, sharing your Spirit, and renewing the face of the earth.

People: **O God, transform us by this resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-15
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 706

John Schneider

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

What an Ending! What a Beginning!

Rev. Armfield

HYMN 197*

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Armfield

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Worthy is the Lamb from Messiah*

Chancel Choir

by George F. Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 5:12-14)

DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Armfield

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah* Chancel Choir
by George F. Handel
You are invited to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus

BENEDICTION*

DISMISSAL*
Leader: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Leader: Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.
People: **Alleluia and Amen!**

POSTLUDE *Final from Symphony No. 1* Dr. Brown
by Louis Vierne

We welcome today’s Horn Quartet:
Mary Beth Orr, Colin Bianchi, Tricia Ruffer and Paul Austin

WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

WELCOME! If this is your first time worshiping with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex outside the sanctuary if you have questions about our church. You are invited to join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship in the atrium.

HEARING ASSISTANCE is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid. Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.

NURSERY is available for children birth through 3 years. Please sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children age 4 through 5th grade meet during the service following the Children’s Message in the lower-level Youth Rooms. Children are asked to bring their Bibles. We will share “highs and lows” from the week, play Bible trivia, sing, have a Bible story lesson, and engage in a related activity.

Easter Flower Dedications

Flowers adorning the sanctuary were purchased by members of our church family to honor their loved ones.

Ann and Don Kelly in memory of: grandson, Keith Kelly

Ann Wells in memory of: husband, Dr. John Wells and brother H. Benjamin Corell II

Barbara Hohman in memory of: husband, Russell Hohman

Beth Reimel in honor of: Arlene Johasky and Merle H. Reimel

Charles and Margaret Henry in memory of: daughter, Alison Mary Henry

Chris and Janice Yates in memory of: our loved ones who have passed

Dan and Linda Conway in memory of: our parents John & Agnes Hancock and Ed & Helen Conway

Don and Linda Chaffee in memory of: our parents: Don & Mary Chafee and Herman & Kathleen Miller
and Linda's brother, Fred Miller

Eric & Kathy Wynsma in honor of: our children, Ella, Connor, Murphy, and Jenna

Eric Britcher in memory of: Dorothy Britcher

Frank and Susan Lovell in memory of: Susan's grandmother/mother, Mommie Nelle Brace

G. Steven and Virginia Orban in memory of: Martha & George Walder and Geza & Marion Orban

Greg and Patty Rhodes in memory of: Patty's mother, Marguerite Donahue

Helen Bell in memory of: Hon. Robert Holmes Bell

Janna Melville in honor of: our grandmothers

Jeff and Kim Peterson in honor of: granddaughter, Hallie Grace

John and Janyce Huff with gratitude for: grandchildren, Wade, Lillian, Kara, Benjamin, and Iris.

John and Judy Schneider in honor of: our family

Kay and Greg Scott in memory of: Charles & Andrea Scott, Paul & Martha Shoults,
and Kathy Bulson

Ken and Marilyn Goodson in celebration of: our family

Mary Anne Cameron & Marjorie Gell in memory of: Suzanne Beery

Perii Hutchings in memory of: Bob and Eileen Brown

Rosalyn Dressel in memory of: husband, Paul Dressel

Shirley Mayer in memory of: husband, Bob

Stephen and Nancy Miller in honor of: son, Adam Bryan Miller

Steve and Janet Armfield in memory of: our dear parents

Sue Stoddard in celebration of: her Mayflower family

Sydney Edlund in honor of: Catherine & Arden Edlund and Emma & Duncan Poland

Terry & Carole Zylman in honor of: our parents John & Frances Zylman and Stewart & Marcia Sweet

The Melville Family in honor of: our grandmothers

Tom and Shelley Kester in memory of: our parents Don & Shirely Gibbs and Yvonne & Gus Kester

If you purchased flowers, please feel free to take them with you after the service.

Announcements for March 31, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

April 7 | Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching
Communion Sunday

April 14 | Rev. Eric Britcher, preaching

April 21 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
Helen Bellows Sunday



2025 COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is collecting committee/council nominations for 2025. Brief descriptions are listed on the following page, more detailed descriptions are available at the welcome table. Starting April 14, nominations will be accepted by filling out the pew card, completing the Google form on our website (mayflowerchurch.org), or contacting the church office ([616-459-6255](tel:616-459-6255)).

NEW MEMBER CLASS: APRIL 21, 9AM

Are you interested in joining Mayflower? Rev. Steve Armfield will be leading a new members class titled, "The Four 'Als'." In this 4-week series, you'll learn more about what it means to join Mayflower. New members will be introduced on Sunday, May 19.

MUSIC WITH MISS ABBY

Join "Music with Miss Abby" from 4:30-5pm on Sunday evenings April 14 - May 12.

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP: APRIL 18, 6-7PM

Caitlin Volovlek, retired English teacher, knows that the right questions, high expectations, and personal attention can transform the stressful application process. Her passion is guiding seniors to craft meaningful and memorable college entrance essays.

ART CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN:

JUNE 10-13, 9AM-12PM

Rising Kindergartners through 5th graders are invited to Mayflower Art Camp. Registration cost is \$50. mayflowerchurch.org/artcamp

YOUTH DINNER AND TALENT SHOW:

APRIL 21, 5PM

All are invited to be a part of this fun evening! The many talents of the children and youth of Mayflower will be on stage while we share a meal (\$5/ea) and fellowship. For more information or to RSVP contact Abby (abby@mayflowerchurch.org).

PRISCILLA CIRCLE BAKE SALE: APRIL 28

EVERYONE is invited to donate baked goods for the sale, proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of new soil for the Atrium. On 4/28, bring your baked goods to the tables in the Atrium before the service.

LADIES' LUNCHEON UPDATE

The monthly ladies' luncheon has been postponed until further notice due to Maris Rosema's health.

MAYFLOWERCHURCH.ORG

Check out the updated Mayflower website! It has been improved with a more fluid interface and new photos.

Committee Descriptions

*Mayflower Committees are listed below followed by the purpose of each.
Please read through these as you consider your nominations for 2025.*

Christian Outreach Committee

To facilitate outreach in our community through word, deed, and resources.

Congregational Care Committee

To provide care to members beyond what staff provide.

Congregational Events Committee

To develop, organize, and lead social events for the congregation.

Council

Responsible for the overall operation, spiritual life, and financial health of the church – an honor to serve and be part of your church's future.

Endowment Trust Board of Trustees

The Mayflower Endowment Fund is a separate entity established by MCC. It is governed by a formal Trust Agreement which states as its purpose.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Council between Council meetings. The Executive Committee shall advise the Council and the Senior Minister on all church personnel matters, and provide advice, wisdom, and support to the Moderator and Senior Pastor.

House and Grounds Committee

To maintain the church building and grounds in proper working order and aesthetically pleasing shape while meeting safety, security and stewardship goals.

Nominating Committee

To recruit Council members including Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Treasurer Committee members; and Committee chairs. To recruit search committees, and other specially formed committees as required.

Personnel Committee

To provide direction and decision making to Council for employee policies, compensation and benefits, legal compliance, performance management and staff training.

Safety Committee

Work with staff to provide support of safety/ security policies and procedures to protect MCC members and building partners.

Worship and Music Committee

Worship is a unifying event in the life of this congregation. It is the one time each week when all members join in common purpose. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate various aspects of the worshipping life of the church fostering and supporting active, vital worship, and support concerts and other music outreach.

Youth Committee

To support the children and youth ministries and the Mayflower staff who lead them.

This Week

What's happening at Mayflower this week

Sunday, March 31

- 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship
Rev. Armfield, preaching

Monday, April 1 - OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- 9:30am Women's Bible Study **CANCELED**
- 5pm Men's Bible Study
- 5pm Women's Bible Study **CANCELED**

Tuesday, April 2

- 10am Needlepoint
- 10am Worship Planning Mtg
- 10:30am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3

- 9:30am Garden Club
- 12noon Priscilla Circle
- 6pm Handbell rehearsal
- 7pm Al-Anon
- 7:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

- 9:45am Women's City Club
- 10am Women's Bible Study
- 1pm Women's Historical Mtg
- 6pm Boy Scouts

Friday, April 5

- 7am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, April 7

- 10:30am Communion Sunday
Rev. Armfield, preaching

Looking Ahead

Upcoming dates to note

APRIL

- 14** Morning Worship | 10:30am
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm
- 17** Deacon's Mtg | 9:30am
- 18** College Essay Wksp | 6pm
- 21** New Members Class | 9am
Helen Bellows Sunday | 10:30am
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm
Youth Dinner/Talent Show | 5pm
- 23** Council Mtg | 6:30pm
- 28** New Members Class | 9am
Senior Sunday | 10:30am
Priscilla Circle Bake Sale
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm

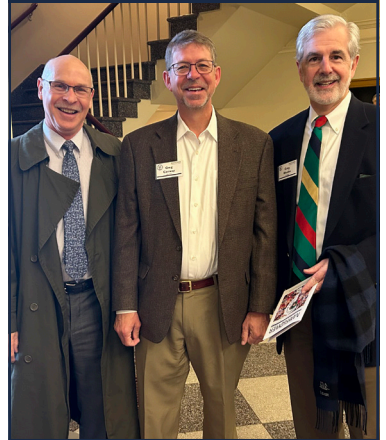
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- 5** New Members Class | 9am
Morning Worship | 10:30am
Scout's Derby | 4:00pm
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm
- 12** Mothers' Day
Music with Miss Abby | 4:30pm
- 13** Baroque Concert | 7pm
- 18** GR Choir of Men and Boys | 7pm
- 19** New Members Class | 9am
Pentecost Sunday | 10:30am
GR Choir of Men and Boys | 3pm
- 26** Morning Worship | 10:30am
- 27** Memorial Day | Office Closed
- 28** Council Mtg | 6:30pm

HS Elevate Escaped!



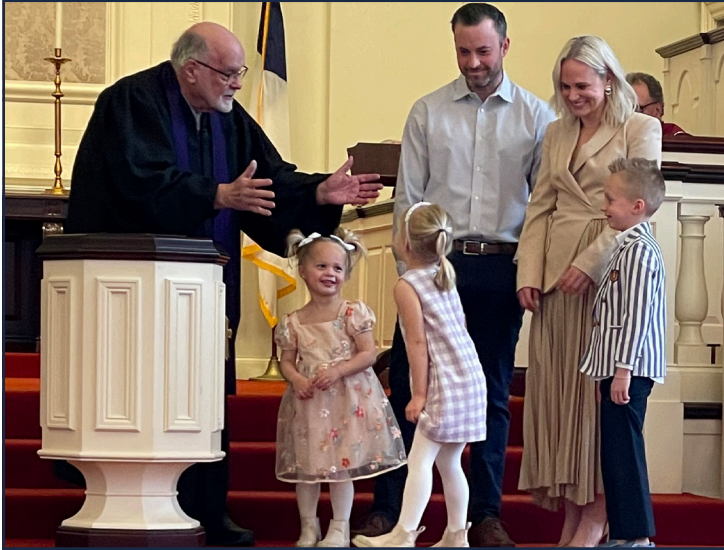
The Three Gregs



Palm Sunday



McKelvey Baptism



Coffee Reception



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As a respected and experienced English teacher for 25 years, Caitlin Volovlek knows that the right questions, high expectations, and personal attention can transform the stressful application process. Her passion is guiding seniors to craft meaningful and memorable college entrance essays.

Please join Caitlin as she shares her expertise and inspires your senior to begin the essay process with confidence!

Reach out to Rachael Cooley at rachael@mayflowerchurch.org with any questions.

Praises and Prayers

Week of March 31, 2024

If you would like to receive, or make note of someone to be added to the weekly prayer List, please contact the church office to be included on the list (616.459.6255 or office@mayflowerchurch.org.) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.

PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

We join with the **McKelvey family** in praise for the baptisms of their three children. (3/24)

We celebrate with the families of the seven youth who made confirmation on March 17. (3/17)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Maris Rosema has been hospitalized with serious pulmonary issues. She welcomes prayers for healing. (3/21)

Pray for **Carol VerMeulen** as she begins radiation therapy. (3/12)

Pray for **Bill Potts** who is in rehab. (3/12)

Please pray that God may continue to walk with **Mayflower Church**, and guide us all on our journey of faith.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Bill Currie's son, Ryan Currie, passed suddenly in a bicycle accident. Our prayers are with Bill and his family. (3/21)

Please pray for the family of **Ron Shippy** who passed away March 8. (3/12)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for peace and safety in the world amid ongoing turmoil, specifically in Haiti, Gaza, and Ukraine.



**Come before church
or stay after to enjoy a
cup of coffee, cookies
and fellowship.**

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Download the app and create an account for future secure scan-and-go transactions.



TEXT TO GIVE

On your phone, simply text the word: GIVE To: 16163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

MAYFLOWER PRESCHOOL



**WE'RE
HIRING**
JOIN OUR
TEAM

Positions available for fall 2024

3'S TEACHING POSITION

Mon/Wed/Fri 9 - 11:15am

4'S TEACHING POSITION

Tues/Thurs/Fri 9 - 11:30am

You will work alongside a teaching partner and equally share in all responsibilities of the classroom.

Interested candidates please send a resume to Missi (preschool@mayflowerchurch.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rev. Steve Armfield | Pastor

Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist

Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | Abby Brooks, Director of Children's Choirs

Melia Colwell, Children's Choir Accompanist

Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care

Amy Dunham, Office Manager | Andy Ely, Business Manager

Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator

Jon Lang, Facility Manager | Jana DeShane, Custodial Services

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

First verse: "Join we now as angels say" or "Join the angels now to say"

EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7 with Alleluias

THE SON

Resurrection

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, ca. 696–ca. 754

Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth her song be - gin,

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The round world keep high tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth un - to the sky,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear so calm and plain
 Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail," and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor - strain.
 For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end. A - men.

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