

# MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 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.*

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**PRELUDE**    *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* (Come, Holy Ghost)    Dr. Julia Brown  
by Dietrich Buxtehude

**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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    Barbara Gordon

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, dwell among us.**

**OPENING HYMN\****Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER



1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -  
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of  
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of



cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,



help us face each cru - cial hour. Build up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim journ - ey  
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,



Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our



called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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**OPENING PRAYER\*** (read in unison)

Barbara Gordon

O brooding God, as your Spirit hovered over creation in fresh wind and new breath, so let your Spirit blow over us today with the breath of life. Take away the chaos of our lives, and the tiredness of our souls. May your Spirit move within us here today and then move us outward to proclaim our faith in word and deed. 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.

## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

This morning we are pleased to baptize **Mateo Oliver**, son of Amanda and Celvin Osorio; and **Hallie Grace**, daughter of Andy and Chelsea Newton.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dawn & Neil Williams	Maggie & DJ Stewart	Chelsea & Andy Newton
Meredith & Justin Starnes	Tracy & Chip George	Kyle Morrison
Beth Wood	Marjie Gell	Mary Anne Cameron
Michelle Muza-Moons		

(read by new members)

**I believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and covenant with this church to love the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind; and to love my neighbor as myself.** -Based on Mark 12:30, 31

(The congregation will stand and read in unison)

**We, the members of Mayflower Church, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help, and our prayers, that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. God grant that loving and being loved, blessing and being blessed serving and being served, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the life everlasting.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-4, 5:27-33 Barbara Gordon  
PEW BIBLE, PAGES 770, 771, 774

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "...And They're Glad You Came..." Rev. Armfield

**HYMN 226 v.1\*** *Spirit of the Living God* IVERSON

**CALL TO OFFERING** Rev. Armfield



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hymn to the Eternal Flame*

by Stephen Paulus

Chancel Choir,  
Kristi Burghart, soprano

Every face is in you, every voice, every sorrow in you,  
every pity, every love, every memory, woven into fire.

Every breath is in you, every cry, every longing in you,  
every singing, every hope, every healing, woven into fire.

Every heart is in you, every tongue, every trembling in you,  
every blessing, every soul, every shining, woven into fire.

## 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\*

Rev. Armfield

## 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.**

## HYMN 223\*

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

NUN DANKET ALL

## BENEDICTION\*

## DISMISSAL\*

**Leader:** To wherever God has called you this week, go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Amen! We go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Joyous Spirit*

Mayflower Bells

by Valerie Stephenson

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Today's flowers are given in celebration of Hallie Grace Newton's baptism.  
All our love, Grandma, Grandpa, Didi and Tom-Tom

# Announcements for May 19, 2024

*Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.*

**May 26 | Trinity Sunday**  
Rev. Eric Britcher, preaching

**June 2 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching**

**June 9 | Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching**

**June 16 | Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching**



## **THE GRAND RAPIDS CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS CONCERT, WALKING THE PATH OF**

**PRAISE: MAY 18, 7PM & MAY 19, 3PM**

The concert will feature the music of Tallis, Gibbons, Purcell, Handel, Ireland, Rutter & more. Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra Scott Bosscher, directing and Dr. Julia Brown, Organ. Hosted at Mayflower, Sat., May 18 at 7:00pm and Sun., May 19 at 3:00pm.

## **MAYFLOWER ANNUAL MEETING: JUNE 9**

Members of the congregation are invited to the annual meeting following the worship service on June 9, where we will vote on new leadership and approve the budget.

## **ALL COMER'S INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR: SUNDAY, JUNE 9 | 9:30AM**

Calling one and calling all to join our All Comer's Intergenerational Choir for the Sunday, June 9 service. To close out the choir season with a splash, we are inviting all to sing.

## **INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH**

The Council is continuing to identify an Interim Pastor. The Personnel Committee has been asked to generate candidates for the Interim Pastor Job Description (copies available in the office and on the Mayflower website).

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



Consider volunteering to lead Sunday School this summer. A short lesson and activity will be preplanned for you as well as a freezer full of popsicles which are always a hit! This is a great time to be a part of the Christian Education of the children at Mayflower and have some fun along the way. Once you have signed up for a date (or two), you will be sent a background check to fill out if the office does not have one already on file. Contact Rachael Cooley with any questions.

## **IHN WEEK: 5/26-6/2**



Mayflower will be hosting families through Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network during the week of 5/26-6/2. If you would like to volunteer to help, please scan the QR code to sign up, or contact rachael@mayflowerchurch.org

# Welcome to the Mayflower Family!



## The George Family

Chip and Tracy George are both originally from West Michigan and graduates of Hope and Calvin College (respectively). They have a daughter, Milan (7th grade) and a son, DC (4th grade), who attend EGR schools; recently transferring from the Spanish Immersion program at Grand Rapids Christian. They are very excited to immerse themselves in the Mayflower Church community.



## The Williams Family

Neil and Dawn come from the east side of Michigan. After living in L.A. and Chicago, they moved to Grand Rapids where they could be closer to family and raise their three boys, Finn (11), Fletcher (9), and Felix (6), in a close knit community. Faith and a Christian community are a vital part of their family and they are excited to call Mayflower home.



## Kyle Morrison

Kyle grew up in Niles, MI and attended Hope College for undergrad and Michigan State for his doctorate. He currently works at Kalamazoo College as a professor in the Biology department and is the head coach of the men's and women's Cross Country teams. Kyle has two daughters, Audrey (10) and Vivienne (6).



## Beth Wood

Beth is a long time resident of Grand Rapids. She has filled her days with teaching special needs children, loving her family, and finding joy within music, art, and beauty.



## The Stewart Family

Maggie and DJ fell in love in Chicago before moving east to NYC and CT. Their three children, Samuel (11), Hannah (11), and Alice (7) are proud Lakeside Lions and love the East GR community. Maggie is a former attorney and is passionate about serving the needy. DJ is a principal owner of Assymetria. He enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf. They can often be found on the weekends at the lacrosse and baseball fields.

# This Week

*What's happening at Mayflower this week*

## Today, May 19

- 9am New Members Class
- 10:30am Pentecost Sunday  
Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching
- 3pm GR Choir of Men and Boys

## Monday, May 20

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study
- 11am Baby's Welfare Guild
- 5pm Men's Bible Study

## Tuesday, May 21

- 10am Needlepoint
- 10:30am Men's Bible Study
- 12pm Outreach Com. Mtg

## Wednesday, May 22

- 7pm Al-Anon

## Thursday, May 23

- 9am Women's City Club
- 10am Women's Bible Study
- 6pm Boy Scouts

## Friday, May 24

- 7am Men's Bible Study

# Looking Ahead

*Upcoming dates to note*

## MAY

- 26** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Eric Britcher, preaching  
IHN week | 5/26-6/2
- 27** Memorial Day | Office Closed
- 28** Council Mtg | 6:30pm

## JUNE

- 2** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 3-7** Writing Camp | 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
- 9** All Comer's Choir | 9:30  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching  
Annual Meeting | following worship
- 10-13** Art Camp | 9am-12pm
- 16** Fathers' Day  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching
- 23** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 30** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching

## JULY

- 4** Office Closed | Independence Day
- 7** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Christy Knetsch, preaching
- 14** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Maurice Fetty, preaching
- 21** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ricardo Alvarez, preaching
- 28** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching



## Welcome to the Mayflower Family!



### Michelle Muza-Moons

Michelle and her husband have three children, Tanya (12), Becca (10), and Pershing (8). They moved here from Ann Arbor in 2020. They love the music and choir programs at Mayflower and have made many wonderful friends here.



### The Starnes Family

Meredith and Justin Starnes moved back to the Midwest from Tampa Florida a year and a half ago after living there for 7 years. George is (11), Frank (9), and Eleanor (3) and attend Wealthy Elementary.



### Marjie Gell and Mary Anne Cameron

Marjie is a retired law professor. She and her husband, Dan, live in Grand Rapids.

Marjie's mom, Mary Anne, moved to Grand Rapids from the Detroit area a couple years ago after her younger daughter passed away from breast cancer. Attending Mayflower together is the highlight of Marjie & Mary Anne's week!



### Mateo Oliver Osorio

Mateo was born October 17, 2023 to Mayflower members, Amanda and Calvin Osorio. Mateo has two big brothers, James (5) and Nicolas (3). Joining them in celebrating his baptism are grandparents, James and Tamra Anderson.



### The Newton Family

Andy is originally from beautiful Petoskey, MI while Chelsea grew up in Grand Rapids as part of the Mayflower Church family. The two of them met at Michigan State University, where Chelsea played soccer and Andy received both his undergrad and law degrees. The Newtons now call Grand Rapids home, along with their 1 year old daughter, Hallie and goldendoodle, Lambeau.

# Mayflower Council



Rachel Blair



Anne-Marie Church



Amy Conway



Martin Grin

**Council Members are available in the library every Sunday after worship. Please stop in to say, "hi!"**



Susan Orban



Dan Poortenga



John Schneider



Kateri Schutt



Patty Sienstra



Courtney Weiler



Kris Wilson



Kathy Wynsma



Christopher Yates



# THANK YOU, TROOP 271

**Thank you to the scouts for helping spread the mulch!**





# Praises and Prayers

Week of May 19, 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 celebrate those who have recently joined the Mayflower family through membership and baptisms. (5/19)

We praise God for a healing prayer retreat and for those who participate. (5/9)

Praise God for all the **volunteers from EGRMS** who helped with Mayflower church grounds. (5/7)

Praise for this year's **Bible Study group participants** as they've grown, learned and come together in community. (5/5)

We give praise for the **high school seniors** who are graduating this year. We are thankful for God's faithfulness through the past grade school years. (4/25)

## PRAAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The family of **Jonathan Tuuk** asks for prayers for clarity regarding his health trajectory and care needs. (5/14)

Pray for **Bill Potts** who is in hospice care. (5/14)

**Bruce Galloway** has been hospitalized, please pray for him. (5/5)

Pray for **Maris Rosema** who is dealing with heart and lung issues. (4/18)

Please pray for **Lizann Donley** who is experiencing severe pain due to a compression fracture in her back. (4/3)

## PRAAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Please pray for **Suzanne Shippy**, daughter-in-law of **Ron Shippy**, as she has been hospitalized with a blood disorder. (5/1)

Pray for **Paula Gaylord** who is struggling with health issues. (4/11)

## PRAAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We pray for the family of **Dr. David Hammond**, who passed away May 2. Visitation will take place on June 2, 3-7pm at Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A service will be at Mayflower on June 3 at 11am. (5/7)

Please pray for members **Tom, Terri and Jessica Visser** as they grieve the death of Tom's mother, Arola Visser, who died April 20. The funeral service was held April 24. (4/25)

We pray for **Rupert Samuel** and his family as they mourn the death of his mother. (4/23)

Prayers for **Julie Holt** and **Kristin Ruud** and their families. Their father, **Doug Hoogerhyde**, passed away April 18. Visitation was held April 29 and a Celebration of Life was held April 30. (4/18)

Pray for **Jan Cornelius** whose mother, **Doris VanEss** passed away April 22. (4/22)

## PRAAY FOR THE WORLD

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

Grant wisdom to world leaders, that they may see that common humanity makes us all brothers and sisters to one another. (5/7)

Prayers for dialogue and reconciliation on college campuses. (5/7)

## ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS



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### TEXT TO GIVE

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

## WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

**WELCOME!** If this is your first time worshipping 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.

## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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

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THE TRIUNE GOD

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Spirit of the Living God

St. 1, Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977  
Sts. 2, 3, Lowell Alexander, 1963-

Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,  
 2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,  
 3. Ho - ly pres-ence, love di-vine, Cast out my fear,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.  
 Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me.  
 Ho - ly pres-ence, love di-vine, Cast out my fear.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
 Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.  
 Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,  
 Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,  
 Ho - ly pres-ence, love di-vine, Cast out my fear,

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# Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

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Andrew Reed, 1787-1862

Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this  
2. Come as the fire, and purge our hearts Like sac - ri -  
3. Come as the dove, and spread Thy wings, The wings of  
4. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this

house Thy home; De - scend with all Thy  
fi - cial flame; Let our whole soul an  
peace - ful love, And let Thy Church on  
world Thy home; De - scend with all Thy

gra - cious pow'rs, O come, great Spir - it, come!  
of - f'ring be To our Re - deem - er's name.  
earth be - come Blest as the Church a - bove.  
gra - cious pow'rs, O come, great Spir - it, come! A - men.

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