

MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 26, 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

Cantique de Jean Racine
by Gabriel Fauré

Karen Krummel, cello
Larry Biser, guest organist

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Eric Britcher

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Blair

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

People: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

People: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

People: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, On God Almighty, Your glory fills all the heavens and the earth!

OPENING HYMN 243*

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

OPENING PRAYER* (read in unison)

Cheryl Blair

**God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity,
We ask for your presence to enter this space.
We know that in self-giving love,
Your very nature teaches us how to love one another.**

**Father and Creator,
Son and Redeemer,
Spirit and Advocate,**

**We call upon you to teach us this hour.
Teach us to pray.
Teach us to love.
Teach us to be one, as you are one.**

**With all of our divisions we create with our own biases,
From social class to race,
From gender to age,
From ability to different abilities,
We know we still have much to learn.**

Teach us this hour, we pray, 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 751

Cheryl Blair

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Listen Up, Nicodemus!

Rev. Britcher

HYMN 245*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

A MEMORIAL DAY MEDITATION (read in unison)

Gracious God, we give our thanks for every person who committed their life to provide the freedom of Christian expression we enjoy. For every life given in love of our country we open our hearts in gratitude. Give us wisdom, Lord, to invest our lives in the preservation of these freedoms in honor of their sacrifice. In the name of Jesus who gave Himself for the blessing of saving grace we pray. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Britcher

OFFERTORY

I Asked the Lord

Jana DeShane, alto

by Johnny Lange and Jimmy Duncan

I asked the Lord to comfort me When things weren't going my way; He said to me
"I will comfort you And lift your cares away." I asked the Lord to walk with me,
When darkness was all that I knew; He said to me, "Never be afraid, for I will see you through."

I didn't ask for riches, He gave me wealth untold- The moon, the stars, the sun, the sky,
And gave me eyes to behold I thank the Lord for everything, And I count my blessing each day;
He came to me when I need Him- I only had to pray, and
He'll come to you if you'll ask Him to- He's only a prayer away.

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. Britcher

CALL TO PRAYER

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Britcher

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 247*

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION*

DISMISSAL*

Leader: Wherever we go, may the joy of God the gracious be with us.
Wherever we go, may the face of Christ the kindly be with us.
Wherever we go, may the compassing of the Spirit of grace be with us.
People: **Wherever we go, the presence of the Trinity around us to bless
and to keep us.**

POSTLUDE

Te Deum
by Lynn Trapp (b. 1963)

Larry Biser, guest organist

cover art: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicodemus_Visiting_Christ

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 there is no Sunday school due to the holiday weekend. It will resume next week. There are quiet boxes available in the Narthex.

Announcements for May 26, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

June 2 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
June 9 | Rev. Steve Armfield, preaching
June 16 | Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching
June 23 | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
June 30 | Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching



WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS: JUNE 5, 7AM

Join us this summer for an early morning Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays beginning June 5 through Aug. 28 from 7am- 8am. We will be reading and discussing *Joyful* by Ingrid Fetell Lee. Bring your lawn chair and coffee. We will meet outside or in the Atrium as weather permits.

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).

59UP EVENT: JUNE 16

Come to Terra GR for right after church on June 16. RSVP to sjones9200@aol.com if you are available. The address is 1429 Lake Drive SE and their brunch menu is available here: terragr.com

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.

69UP EVENT: JUNE 20, 5PM-7PM

Everyone in the age group of 69 and above is invited to a social event Thursday, June 20, 5-7pm at the home of Sandy Armbruster, 6385 Thornhills Ct SE. RSVP to Murry Idema and indicate if you will bring an appetizer or a bottle of white wine to share (616-901-3842 or murry@mayflowerchurch.org).

IHN Host Week | May 26 - June 2

Mayflower is excited to host 5 families with Family Promise, IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) during the week of May 26 - June 2.

Our goal is to create a welcoming and warm environment for the families to experience while with us. **We depend on many volunteers to help make this happen.**

Please take a moment to sign up to be a part of this important ministry. Reach out to Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator, at rachael@mayflowerchurch.org with any questions.



To sign up
online, please
scan the
QR code.



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

This Week

What's happening at Mayflower this week

Today, May 26

- 10:30am Trinity Sunday
Rev. Eric Britcher, preaching
- IHN Week begins

Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day | Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 10am Needlepoint
- 10:30am Men's Bible Study
- 4pm Music & Worship Com. Mtg
- 6:30 Council Mtg

Wednesday, May 29

- 7pm Al-Anon

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

- 7am Men's Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Upcoming dates to note

JUNE

- 2** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 3-7** Writing Camp | 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
- 5** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 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
- 12** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 16** Fathers' Day
Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching
59Up at Terra GR | 11:30am
- 19** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 20** 69UP at Sandy Arbruster's | 5pm
- 23** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 26** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 30** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching

JULY

- 4** Office Closed | Independence Day
- 7** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Christy Knetsch, preaching
- 10** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 14** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Maurice Fetty, preaching
- 17** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 21** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ricardo Alvarez, preaching
- 24** Women's Summer Bible Study | 7am
- 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!



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.



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.

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.

Praises and Prayers

Week of May 26, 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

Maris Rosema feels lifted and encouraged by all the prayers. She is getting stronger everyday. (5/21)

We celebrate those who have recently joined Mayflower as **members and baptized** their children. (5/19)

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

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Edy Lemke**. Edy fell and broke her leg on Wednesday. She is at Blodgett, and had surgery on 5/23. (5/22)

Please pray for **Nancy Miller** as she faces general and thoracic surgery in June. (5/21)

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

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

PRAY 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)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We pray for the family of **Bill Potts** who passed away on May 20. A service will be held June 22. (5/20)

Pray for former director of Children's Choirs, **Heidi Hertel**, and her family as they mourn the loss of her father, **Philip Hertel**, who died May 11. Visitation will be held 4-7pm on June 7 at Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church on June 8 at 11am.

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)

PRAY 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)

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THE TRIUNE GOD

243 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

NICAEA
 11.12.10

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Eternal Father, Strong to Save

William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm doth bind the
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word, The winds and waves sub -
 3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r! Our breth - ren shield in

rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 mis - sive heard, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, And
 dark and rude, Who bad'st its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep, O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep, O hear us when we
 gav - est light, and life, and peace, O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee, For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee, For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee, For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. A - men.

MELITA
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THE TRIUNE GOD

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Come, Thou Almighty King

Anonymous, ca. 1757

Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4. To the great One in Three E - ter - nal

name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all -
 might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend: Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou who al -
 prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more! His sov - reign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come and reign
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess— Spir - it of
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -

o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

ITALIAN HYMN
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