

MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 16, 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

Morning Has Broken
arr. Fred Bock

Dr. Julia Brown

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Katherine Lee Baker

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Rhodes

Leader: Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed; it starts out as a small thing, but it grows and grows until it gives a home to the birds of the air.

People: Can we believe a new day is coming? As surely as the sun rises over the horizon God is creating a new world.

Leader: Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like that someone who casts seed on the ground, and then sleeps and wakes, day after day, while the earth produces the fruit from the seed that was cast.

People: We do not know how God works out the fullness of redemption. But we know we are partners in that work.

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord who still cares for the world!

People: Praise the name of the Lord who leads with power and grace.

OPENING HYMN 267*

Morning Has Broken

BUNNESSAN

OPENING PRAYER* (read in unison)

Greg Rhodes

God of all growth, you nurture the seeds of our love and joy and make us co-workers in your kingdom. Give us strength to open and grow in your abundant love, that we might contribute to a world where all are fed, sheltered, and nurtured. In the name of Jesus, who brings us abundant life. 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

Mark 4: 26-34
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 710
I Samuel 16: 1, 3-13
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 202

Greg Rhodes

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Seed Time

Rev. Lee Baker

HYMN 287*

For the Fruit of All Creation

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CALL TO OFFERING

Rachael Cooley

OFFERTORY

O Rest in the Lord from *Elijah*
by Felix Mendelssohn

Melissa Blanchard, alto

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil-doers. (Psalm 37)

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*

Rachael Cooley

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rachael Cooley

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 474*

Hymn of Promise

PROMISE

BENEDICTION*

DISMISSAL*

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **We go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
by Benedetto Marcello

Dr. Brown

The sanctuary flowers are given by Sydney Edlund in memory of her parents,
Emma and Duncan Poland.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE Children **ages birth through 3 yrs. old** can go to the nursery at the beginning of the service. Following the Children's Message, children **ages kindergarten through 2nd grade** will be dismissed to play on the playground. Children **3rd grade and older** will return to the pews with a children's bulletin and sit with their family through the service.

Announcements for June 16, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

June 30 | 10:30am

Jonathan Tuuk, former Mayflower organist, will be playing in the Sunday morning service.



DONUTS FOR DADS: TODAY

We'll be celebrating the men in our lives with donuts during the coffee reception after the service today.

PASTOR SEARCH NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the Pastor Search Committee. Please call or email the office with your nomination.

59UP EVENT: TODAY

Come to Terra GR 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

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).

Summer Preaching Schedule



REV. KATHERINE LEE BAKER
JUNE 16 & JUNE 30

Rev. Lee Baker is an Interfaith Minister and DEI Consultant, ordained in the Reformed Church in America. Having served in various corporate, clinical, campus, and community-based settings, she is passionate about community engagement, intersectionality, and all things cultivating emotional agility and spiritual resiliency. She is a trustee for the Foundation at Mary Free Bed, the incoming President for Grand Rapids Sister Cities International, and a member of the Master Planning Steering Committee for the City of Grand Rapids. revkatherineleebaker.com



REV. RUTH BELL OLSSON
JUNE 23, AUG. 11, & AUG. 25

Rev. Bell Olsson is an activist in spirit and an ally at heart. Her writings and teachings on a variety of subjects wrestle with the deep mysteries of living a life of faith in a complicated world. Ruth earned her BA in philosophy from Wheaton College and her Masters in global leadership from Fuller Seminary. She was ordained at Mayflower Church in 2019.



REV. CHRISTY CARLIN KNETSCH
JULY 7

Inspiring others to know that *in Christ the past does not have to determine the future* is the mission statement that has guided the career of Rev. Carlin Knetsch. Each day she has lived this out as the Executive Director of New City Kids and as a minister at Madison Church: South Hill Campus. A graduate of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, she and her husband Brad are raising their four children.



REV. DR. JONATHAN WHITE
AUG. 4

Rev. Dr. White is a longtime member of Mayflower Church. Having served as interim senior pastor in 2019, Rev. Dr. White has a strong background in history and religion. He was fully ordained in 1992 and has served as a parish pastor around West Michigan. Having recently retired from GVSU as executive director of homeland security, he also served for the Department of Justice with his vast experience in the world of counter-terrorism.



REV. MAURICE A. FETTY
JULY 14

Rev. Fetty is a retired Congregational UCC Minister who has had pastorates in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Manhasset, NY; Grand Rapids, MI; and Edina, MN. He has degrees from Union Theological Seminary, Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary, and Minnesota Bible College. He is the author of 13 books and does pulpit supply, lectures, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Widowed at age 30, he and his three daughters married widow Sara Melton and her children to form a "Brady Bunch." They have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and live in Grand Rapids, MI.



REV. RICARDO TAVÁREZ
JULY 21

Rev. Tavárez the Executive Director of New City Neighbors, a non-profit ministry partner of Mayflower that empowers youth through urban farming while supplying healthy food to households and pantries in the Grand Rapids area. He is also the founder and pastor of En Vivo Church, a growing church community in the Creston neighborhood. Rev. Tavárez uses storytelling to encourage and challenge his audience with new perspectives.



REV. JEFF MUNROE
JULY 28 & AUG. 18

Rev. Munroe is the author of *Telling Stories in the Dark*, editor of the *Reformed Journal*, and author of *Reading Buechner*. He is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of America and retired as Executive Vice President of Western Theological Seminary in 2020.

This Week

What's happening at Mayflower this week

Today, June 16

- 10:30am Sunday Worship
Rev. Katherine Lee Baker, preaching
- 59UP at Terra GR after church

Monday, June 17

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 18

- 8am Membership Mtg

Wednesday, June 19

- 9:30am Deacon Mtg
- 5pm-8pm Council Retreat
- 7pm Al-Anon
- 7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg

Thursday, June 20

- 9:30am Women's City Club
- 5pm 69UP at Sandy Armbruster's
- 6pm Boy Scouts

Friday, June 21

- 7am Men's Bible Study

Saturday, June 22

- 10am Bill Potts Memorial

Looking Ahead

Upcoming dates to note

JUNE

- 23** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
Kristi Burghart, soloist
- 25** Summer Organ Encounter | 1:30pm
Council Mtg | 6:30pm
- 26** Office Closed 8am-12pm | Staff Retreat
- 30** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Katherine Lee Baker, preaching
Jonathan Tuuk, guest organist
Mary Tuuk Kuras and Patrick Kuras, soloists

JULY

- 4** Office Closed | Independence Day
- 5** Office Closed | Independence Day obs.
- 7** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Christy Knetsch, preaching
Melia Colwell, pianist
Abby Brooks, soloist
- 14** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Maurice Fetty, preaching
Scott Bosscher, soloist
- 21** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ricardo Alvarez, preaching
Anne Marie Church, soloist
- 28** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching
Josh and Lindsay Ledesma, soloists

AUGUST

- 4** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Jonathan White, preaching
Brennen Kartes, soloist
- 11** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 18** Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching
Brandon Harris, soloist

Art Camp | June 10-13

We welcomed 67 campers, 15 middle school leaders and volunteers, and 6 workshop leaders to guide us in diverse art experiences.



Graffiti Art with Asma Guillermo Sotelo



Dizzy Drums with Josh Dunigan



Fairy Gardens with Jody McCargar



Art Camp | June 10-13



Thank you, snack volunteers!



Gardening with New City Neighbors



Thank you, Middle School Leaders!



The art of cooking

Bell Choir Party



Children and Youth Bowling



Praises and Prayers

Week of June 16, 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 give praise with **Debb and Kevin Kalmbach** on the birth of their grandson **Benjamin Hayden Woodward** to parents **Michael and Marla (Kalmbach) Woodward** on April 25. (6/10)

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)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Linda Edgar** who is recovering from surgery. (6/5)

Please pray for **Edy Lemke** who returned home following surgery for a broken leg. (6/5)

Please pray for **Nancy Miller** as she faces general and thoracic surgery on June 19. (5/21)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Please pray for **Suzanne Shippy**, daughter-in-law of **Ron Shippy**, she has moved from ICU to rehab. (5/29)

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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Please pray for the Laham and Oosterman families for the passing of **Julie Laham** on May 23. Julie was Courtenay Oosterman's sister-in-law. (6/5)

We pray for the family of **Bill Potts** who passed away on May 20. A memorial service will be held at Mayflower on June 22 at 10am. (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. A memorial service was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on June 8.

We pray for the family of **Dr. David Hammond**, who passed away May 2. A service was held at Mayflower on June 3. (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)

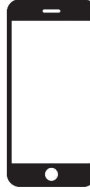
Prayers for dialogue and reconciliation on college campuses. (5/7)

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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

GOD'S REVELATION

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Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

Unison

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black - bird has spo - ken Like the first
 Like the first dew - fall On the first
 Born of the one light E - den saw

bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
 grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
 play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com -
 Praise ev - 'ry morn - ing, God's re - cre -

spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 plete - ness Where His feet pass.
 a - tion Of the new day!

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IN CREATION

Times and Seasons

GOD'S REVELATION

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For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Welsh Hymn

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to

God. For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,

Thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
 God's will is done. In our world - wide
 Thanks be to God. For the won - ders

sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,

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GOD'S REVELATION

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are centered under the melody.

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
 2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our

seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
 word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
 time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -

prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
 dark - ness, Bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
 liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our

cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
 past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,

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GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, Some - thing God a - lone can see.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God's Covenant People". It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The lyrics "Un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, Some - thing God a - lone can see." are written below the vocal staff.