

# MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 23, 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**

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*  
Traditional Spiritual arr. Péter Wolf

Dr. Julia Brown,  
piano

## **WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE\***

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

## **NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Rachael Cooley

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marilyn Emery

Leader: In a world that understands the power of dominance, the power of the last word, the power of being the 'alpha' in the room, may God show us power of a different sort:

**People: The power of trust. The power of hope.**

Leader: The power of faith in the Lord.

**People: In this gathering, may such power be made known.**

## **OPENING HYMN 356\***

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

MELITA

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

Marilyn Emery

Lord, David's story prompts me to wonder:

What power have I witnessed this week? What armor am I prone to wear?  
How can I be the 'shepherd kid' when I am tempted to become Goliath? As  
I wrestle with these questions, show me, please, the smooth stones that lie  
within my reach. 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 **Elliott Michael**, son of Adam and  
Elizabeth Rzepka; and **Quinn Katherine**, daughter of Patrick and Katherine Miller.

**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.

**HYMN 518\***

*Good Shepherd, Take This Little Child*

AMY

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rachael Cooley

**SCRIPTURE READING** | Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 202

Marilyn Emery

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*What's In Your Bag*

Rev. Bell Olsson

**HYMN 362\***

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

EL NATHAN

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Rachael Cooley

## OFFERTORY

*If God Be For Us from Messiah*  
by G. F. Handel

Kristi Burghart, soprano

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us (Romans 8:31, 33-34)

## 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

Rev. Bell Olsson

## 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 432\*

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

## 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

*CWM Rhondda*  
by Paul Manz

Dr. Brown

## **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 will be dismissed to play on the playground.

## **Sermon Notes**

# Announcements for June 23, 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.



## **PASTOR SEARCH NOMINATIONS**

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

## **COOKIEBOOK AVAILABLE**

The Cookiebook is still available at the welcome table. Please place your donation in the box and take one with you.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

### **WATER THE ATRIUM PLANTS**

Would you have time to water the Atrium plants 1-2 times each month? To offer your gift of time or for more information please contact Rachael Cooley:  
rachael@mayflowerchurch.org

## **WELCOME COMPREHENSIVE THERAPY CENTER (CTC)**

For the next 6 weeks we welcome 57 students and 36 volunteers from CTC to use Mayflower as a place to fulfill their mission. Established in 1982, CTC's mission is to meet the therapeutic and educational needs of adults and children with disabilities who are at-risk or disadvantaged, through skill building, academic enhancement and social emotional support. *therapycenter.org*



# Summer Preaching Schedule



## **REV. RUTH BELL OLSSON**

**JUNE 23 & 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. KATHERINE LEE BAKER**

**JUNE 30**

Rev. Lee Baker is an Interfaith Minister and DEI Consultant, ordained in the Reformed Church in America. Having served in various 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. [revkatherinelee baker.com](mailto:revkatherinelee baker.com)



## **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. MAURICE A. FETTY**

**JULY 14**

Rev. Fetty is a retired Congregational UCC Minister. He holds 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. He and his wife Sara have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and live in Grand Rapids, MI.



## **REV. RICARDO TAVÁREZ**

**JULY 21**

Rev. Tavárez is 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.



## **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. DR. ROBERT K. LIVINGSTON**

**AUG. 11**

Rev. Dr. Robert K. Livingston (Bob), who grew up in the Grand Rapids area and served Mayflower Congregational Church in the 1990's, will be with us on Sunday, August 11. Bob comes to us from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where, until his retirement in 2022, he was the Senior Minister of The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor for twenty-five years. Most recently Bob has been the interim minister at Edgewood United Church in East Lansing, MI.

# This Week

*What's happening at Mayflower this week*

## Today, June 23

- 10:30am Sunday Worship  
Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching  
Kristi Burghart, soloist

## Monday, June 24

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study

## Tuesday, June 25

- 1:30 Summer Organ Encounter Recital
- 6:30pm Council Mtg

## Wednesday, June 26

- 5pm-12pm Staff Retreat (office closed)
- 7pm Al-Anon

## Thursday, June 27

- 9:30am Women's City Club
- 6pm Boy Scouts

# Looking Ahead

*Upcoming dates to note*

## JUNE

- 30** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Katherine Baker, preaching  
Jonathan Tuuk, guest organist  
Mary Tuuk Kuras and Patrick Kuras, soloists

## JULY

**4-5** Office Closed | Independence Day

- 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. Dr. Robert K. Livingston, preaching

- 18** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching  
Brandon Harris, soloist

- 25** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching  
Erin Gilbert, violin and soloist

## SEPTEMBER

- 1** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
Scott Bosscher, soloist



# Council Update

Welcome to our 2024-2025 Council. We will be bringing you regular council updates to this section of the bulletin. If you would like to contact us with questions or comments, we'd love to hear from you: [mayflowercouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowercouncil@gmail.com)



Kateri Schutt



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Peter Northouse



John VerMeulen



David Blair



Ingrid Nelson



Robin Dhaseleer

**Elliott Michael, son of Adam and Elizabeth Rzepka**



**Quinn Katherine, daughter of Patrick and Katherine Miller**





# 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.



# Praises and Prayers

Week of June 23, 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

**Ila flo Barfuss** is thankful for your prayers and cards throughout the past 3 months as she struggled with health issues. Her health is much improved and for that we give praise! (6/19)

We celebrate with the **Miller and Rzepka families** on the baptism of their children. (6/23)

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)

## 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

We pray for the family of **Bill Potts** who passed away on May 20. A service was held on June 22 at Mayflower. (6/23)

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)

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. (6/17)

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 was held at Mayflower on June 3. (6/17)

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

Please pray for victims of ongoing gun violence in our communities and 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)

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## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Guest Pastor | Rev. Steve Armfield, Interim Pastor of Congregational Care  
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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Edward Mote, 1797-1874

John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sus - tain me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I then in

right - eous - ness; No mer - it of my own I claim, But  
 chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My  
 rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are washed a - way, He  
 Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Re -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. On Christ, the sol - id  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id  
 then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the sol - id  
 deemed to stand be - fore the throne! On Christ, the sol - id

rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.  
 rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.  
 rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.  
 rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

MELITA  
 8.8.8.8.8.8



# Good Shepherd, Take This Little Child 518

Claire Cloninger, 1942-

Kenneth P. Barker, 1955-

*Unison*

1. Good Shep-herd, take this lit - tle child In - to Your lov - ing hands;  
 2. Good Shep-herd, we com - mit our - selves In ev - 'ry - thing we do  
 3. Good Shep-herd, now we place this child In - to Your gen - tle trust;

And in the days that lie a - head Pro - tect this lit - tle lamb.  
 To be Your fam - 'ly here on earth And love this child for You.  
 This pre - cious gift we give to You Is - one You've giv - en us.

C D7/A G Am Em/G

bap - tized in the name of the Son; come, be bap - tized in the

F6 C/G Dm7 Am/E Dm/F F G C

name of the Spir - it; come, be bap - tized in love.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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I Know Whom I Have Believed

2 Timothy 1:12

Daniel W. Whittle, 1840–1901

James McGranahan, 1840–1907

1. I know not why God's won - drous grace To  
 2. I know not how this sav - ing faith To  
 3. I know not how the Spir - it moves, Con -  
 4. I know not when my Lord may come, At

me He hath made known; Nor why, un - wor - thy,  
 me He did im - part; Nor how be - liev - ing  
 vinc - ing men of sin; Re - veal - ing Je - sus  
 night or noon - day fair; Nor if I'll walk the

Christ in love Re - deemed me for His own.  
 in His Word Wrought peace with - in my heart.  
 through the Word, Cre - at - ing faith in Him.  
 \*vale with Him Or "meet Him in the air."

But "I know Whom I have be - liev - ed And am per -

\* vale - Valley of Death

EL NATHAN  
 CM with Refrain

Third verse: "Convincing us of sin"

## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the lyrics: 'suad - ed that He is a - ble To keep that which I've com-'. The second system covers the lyrics: 'mit - ted Un - to Him a - gainst that day.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and some melodic lines.

suad - ed that He is a - ble To keep that which I've com-  
mit - ted Un - to Him a - gainst that day.”

Almighty Father, I hear the wind outside and it reminds me of how awesome You are. You created it; You direct its path; and You decide: will it be a gentle breeze that refreshes, or the harsh wind of change?

Just as You have established the wind, so have You established me to Your delight. You allow me to face what seem to be impossible trials, yet I come out on the other side a better person.

Although the seasons of my life continue to change, You are with me—never changing, yet always changing me to Your perfection.

You control every detail and therefore I can trust You and take refuge in You. Thank You for drawing me to You and giving me that “peace that passes all understanding.”

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jeanne Duffany

## 432

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams, 1717–1791

John Hughes, 1873–1932

Trans. by Peter Williams, 1722–1796, and others

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, Whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca-naan's side; Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no more,  
 strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to Thee,

CWM RHONDDA  
8.7.8.7.8.7.7

## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "Feed me till I want no more. Be Thou still my strength and shield. I will ev - er give to Thee. A - men." The music ends with a double bar line.

Feed me till I want no more.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to Thee. A - men.

O God of love, of life and light, and of truth, hear our prayer for Your guidance and direction in our daily lives. We hunger for a personal, reciprocal relationship with You so that we may fulfill Your will for us and become everything that You meant each of us to be. Fill us with Your Spirit—for without it we are empty—and renew a right attitude within us.

Our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and we ask for Your infinite mercy and amazing grace. Too often we have denied You in our human weakness. Forgive us and give us strength in our personal lives to overcome that which we must.

O God, we thank You for loving us even when we are the most unlovable. Help us in our striving love more like You: unconditionally. When confronted with a choice, may we constantly ask ourselves the question, “What would Jesus do?” Help us to be more conscious of the needs of others.

Guide us in our efforts, that we may achieve Your way of more abundant, fulfilled living. May Your will be done, and may we accept it. May we humbly ask, “What are Your plans for today, Lord? May we be a part of them?”

Amen.

Rev. Sandy Freud