

# MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

COMMUNION SUNDAY

July 7, 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**

*America, the Beautiful*  
by Samuel A. Ward, arr. Melody Bober

Melia Colwell, pianist

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

Rachael Cooley

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

## **NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Rachael Cooley

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chris Yates

Leader: We come to worship and praise our God, and to learn more about the wonders of our God.

**People: How great and wonderful is our Compassionate God.**

Leader: We come, with ears and hearts open to God, ready to discover more of God's mysteries and miracles.

**People: How generous and caring is our Unchanging God.**

Leader: We gather to share together in our common history, and to experience the enrichment which that brings us.

**People: All praise and honor to God for past and present blessings, and for God's merciful love and grace.**

## **OPENING HYMN 263\***

*This is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

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

Chris Yates

**Almighty God, we come to worship you today with open hearts and open minds. We want to hear and receive what you have to say to us in this service. Speak to us today as you spoke to those who went before us. Tell us the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us once again of your grace and love. Help us teach your goodness to our children and the next generation. 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

Psalm 78:3-7  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 417

Chris Yates

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Living in the Dash*

Rev. Carlin Knetsch

## HYMN\*

*God, May Our Church Reflect Your Grace*

ELLACOMBE



1. God, may our church re - flect your grace to all who en - ter here. May  
2. Here in this space each child is free to move, ex - plore, and speak. There's  
3. Like Christ, with arms out-stretched to all, help us to live each day, to



we ex - tend a wide em - brace, a wel - come that's sin - cere. May  
room to ques - tion or a - gree, to grieve, to laugh, to seek. That  
build a bridge and not a wall at church, at work, at play. May



our in - clu - sion be as broad as your com - pas - sion's scope. For  
we by grace may share your love a - cross each deep di - vide with  
jus - tice lead us as we go, em - brac - ing what is right, re -



we would be your peo - ple, God, a home, a help a hope!  
hearts as gen - tle as a dove, O Spir - it, be our guide!  
flect - ing grace, that we may show your glo - ry burn - ing bright!

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## CALL TO OFFERING

Rachael Cooley



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*At The River*  
arr. Aaron Copeland

Abby Brooks, soprano

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes we'll gather by the river, Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

## 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.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Carlin Knetsch

(Our sacramental elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice)

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Moment by Moment*

Ms. Colwell, pianist

by May Whittle Moody, arr. Cindy Berry

## 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 578\*

*Sent forth by God's Blessing*

THE ASH GROVE

## BENEDICTION\*

Rev. Carlin Knetsch

## 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

*Toccata*  
by Robert D. Vandall

Ms. Colwell, pianist

# 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 16 & 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](http://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.

## OUTREACH

Mayflower outreach supports and partners with organizations through offering financial gifts, volunteering our time, and donating our space. Mayflower also sets aside a significant percentage of our annual budget for this outreach. As we live into Jesus' Great Commandment, these funds impact our community, our country, and our world.

### Outreach Partner Highlight: *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.



#### CTC's Objectives:

- To bring about positive change in clients' lives.
- To work with a variety of community agencies to assure high quality services for families.
- To coordinate activities with other agencies in the greater Grand Rapids area to meet the needs of families.

#### CTC Serves

- Our clinic serves children and adults with a primary diagnosis of mild to severe developmental disabilities or disabilities acquired in childhood who are physically, psychologically, and medically stable enough for an outpatient treatment model.
- We serve clients beginning at 18 months old.
- Families with children younger than 18 months are encouraged to call us for resources and connection or referral to community support, and we welcome them in our parent groups.
- Adults of any age are welcome, so long as they have a primary concern and primary diagnosis of a developmental disability or disability acquired in childhood rather than adult onset conditions.
- Clients with both developmental disabilities and adult onset concerns as the focus of care would benefit from another clinic; we are happy to coordinate with other agencies whenever possible.



## Outreach Partner Highlight: Women's City Club

The Grand Rapids Women's City Club has provided a community for women since 1924! The club regularly holds meetings in the Atrium at Mayflower. The club engages in community outreach, social events, enrichment opportunities and more. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, you are invited to join them for coffee time on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. They meet at various coffee shops around town or at East Congregational Church. These are casual get-togethers beginning at 10 am. Visit their website for dates and locations.



[www.wccgr.org](http://www.wccgr.org)

## Outreach Partner Highlight: Al-Anon

Mayflower provides a meeting place for Al-Anon members to meet on a weekly basis. Al-Anon Family Groups meet in over 130 countries to help families and friends of problem drinkers recover from the impacts of a loved one's drinking. Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.



[al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)

# Announcements

*Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.*

## SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The nominating committee (Chris Yates, Dan Poortenga, Rachel Blair, Ingrid Nelson, Kateri Schutt, David Baker, and Greg Rhodes) is finalizing the senior pastor search committee this week to be presented to the congregation for a vote on July 14.

## 69UP EVENT: JULY 25 | 5PM-7PM

Everyone in the age group of 69 and above is invited to a social event Thursday, July 25, 5-7pm at the home of Ann & Don Kelley. 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](mailto:murry@mayflowerchurch.org)).



**Thank you for attending the  
June 69UP event!**

# Calendar

## Today, July 7

10:30am Sunday Worship  
Rev. Christy Carlin Knetsch, preaching  
Melia Colwell, pianist  
Abby Brooks, soloist

## JULY

- 14** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Maurice Fetty, preaching  
Scott Bosscher, soloist  
Congregational Mtg | after service
- 21** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
\*Rev. Ricardo Alvarez, preaching  
Anne Marie Church, soloist
- 25** 69UP event | 5pm
- 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  
Ryan Potts, soloist
- 18** Book Discussion with Rev. Munroe | 9am  
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



Christopher Yates



John Schneider



Amy Conway



Martin Grin



Patty Sienstra



Kris Wilson



Dan Poortenga



Susan Orban



Courtney Weiler



Kathy Wynsma



Peter Northouse



John VerMeulen



David Blair



Ingrid Nelson



Robin Dhaseleer

## 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.

# Jeff Munroe



We are excited to welcome Rev. Jeff Munroe to Mayflower Church this summer. Rev. Munroe, along with preaching on July 28 and Aug. 18, will have a book talk on Aug. 18, 9-10am prior to the service. He'll discuss his most recent publication *Telling Stories in the Dark: Finding healing and hope in sharing our sadness, grief, trauma, and pain* (Reformed Journal Books, 2024).

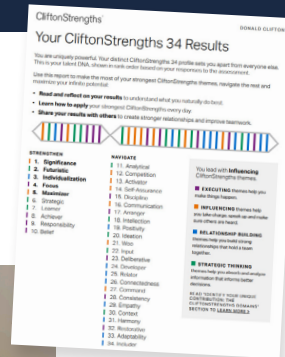
"Millions of us live with sorrow, grief and trauma. Jeffrey Munroe and a national array of experts explore true stories of resiliency and hope as people transform their pain and find fresh inspiration."

Rev. Munro is the editor of The Reformed Journal and an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. To read more about Rev. Munroe, visit [jeffreymunroe.com](http://jeffreymunroe.com).

Books are available at the welcome table.

# Staff Retreat

The Mayflower staff each took the CliftonStrengths assessment to review at the staff retreat held 6/26/24. This was a wonderful time of reflection on individual gifts and talents and an introduction to how to utilize all talents to help the team work toward a common goal.



# Praises and Prayers

Week of July 7, 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 are thankful for **Jonathan Tuuk** who shared his wonderful talent with us once again playing the organ during last Sunday's service.

**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 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

Prayers for the Beusse family as **Jeff Beusse**, was recently put in hospice. Jeff and Margaret are longtime members of Mayflower as well as their children and grandchildren. (7/1)

Prayers for **Lon Barr** as he is recovering from heart surgery. (6/27)

Please pray for **Nancy Miller** as she faces general and thoracic surgery in July. (6/27)

## PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

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 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)

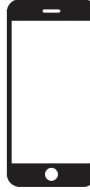


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Rev. Christy Carlin Knetsch, Guest Pastor | Rev. Steve Armfield, Interim Pastor of Congregational Care

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

GOD'S REVELATION

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This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.

Traditional English Melody

Adapt. by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

1. This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-t'ning  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world; O let me ne'er for -

ears, All na - ture sings, and round me rings The  
 raise, The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De -  
 get That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God

mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world; I  
 clare their Mak - er's praise. This is my Fa-ther's world; He  
 is the rul - er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world; Why

rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of  
 shines in all that's fair; In rus - tling grass I  
 should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the

TERRA BEATA  
 SMD

SERVICE MUSIC

578

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Traditional Welsh Melody

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -  
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To You ev - er

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take  
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The serv - ice is end - ed; Oh, now be ex -  
face, Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

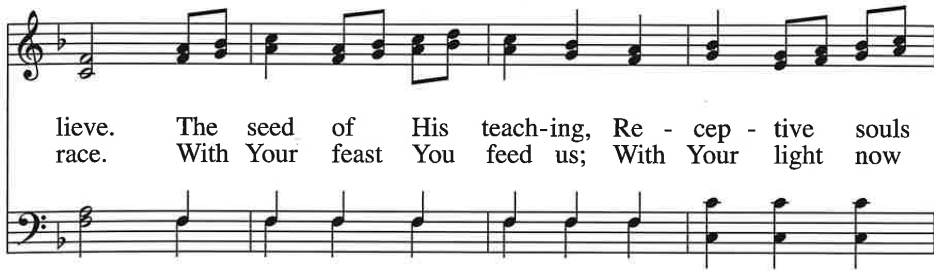
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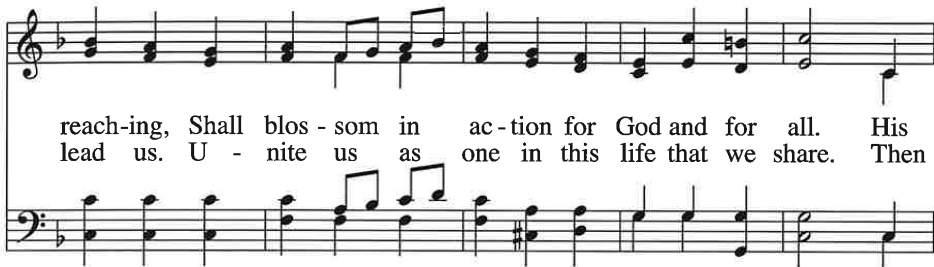
"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."



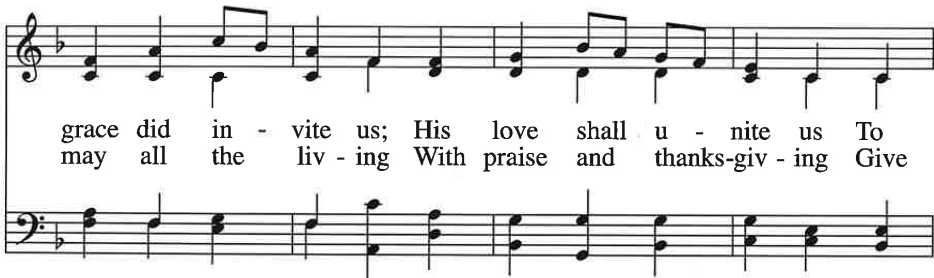
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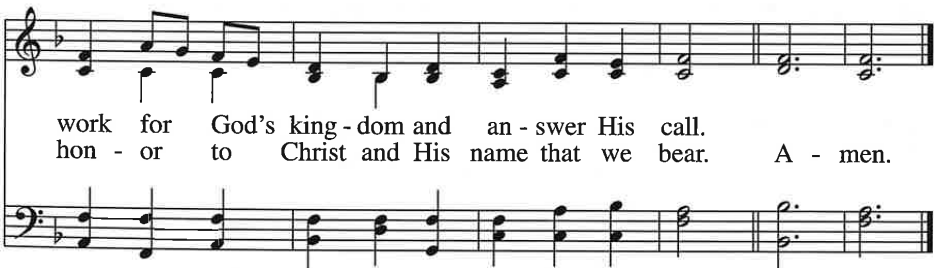
lieve. The seed of His teach-ing, Re - cep - tive souls  
race. With Your feast You feed us; With Your light now



reach-ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His  
lead us. U - nite us as one in this life that we share. Then



grace did in - vite us; His love shall u - nite us To  
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks-giv - ing Give



work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear. A - men.