

MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 14, 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.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

The world exists by light. "The exchange of light maintains our universe from the level of atoms on up...Everything is created from light, and all the interactions that follow after those created things (are in place) proceed by way of light. Light creates. It pumps power into the spatio-temporal world by way of photosynthesis." "Everywhere in recorded history light doubles for intelligibility, comprehension, understanding, and--underlying all these--conscious awareness." (*Why Religion Matters*, Huston Smith, pp. 138,139)

"Unless a man becomes the enemy of evil, he will not even become its slave, but rather its champion." - (G.K. Chesterton, British author and theologian)

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River
Dale Wood

Dr. Julia Brown

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

Linda Chaffee

Leader: The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after

People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage, yea, wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27.1,4, 13-14)

OPENING HYMN 37* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

OPENING PRAYER* (read in unison)

Linda Chaffee

Almighty God, Light and Life of the universe, who has made us in your image to think your thoughts after you, open our minds and hearts to the truths you have for us today. Lead us away from darkness or discouragement to refreshing enlightenment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Matthew 5:13-16
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 683
Ephesians 5:1-2, 5-16
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 829

Linda Chaffee

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Salt and Light Company

Rev. Maurice Fetty

HYMN 57*

Fairest Lord Jesus

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

CALL TO OFFERING

Rachael Cooley

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cry No More
by Dan Forrest

Scott Bosscher, baritone

In the shadow where we linger, In this darkness we call home, Where the sighs are deep and doubtful
And our aspirations groan, All is not in vain, Beloved, Our travail is not unknown.

Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near, Deep, abiding rays of mercy
Cast their light on lonely fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, Our redeeming Lord is here.

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend, Gift of glory,
Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again! Alleluia! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end!

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. Fetty

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 78*

Christ is the World's True Light

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BENEDICTION*

Rev. Fetty

DISMISSAL*

Rev. Fetty

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

Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht
by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

Dr. Brown

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.

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.

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



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: *Upcycle Bikes*



Upcycle Bikes provide quality, safe bikes for community members with transportation challenges. They are committed to advocating for and supporting individuals from all income groups across the full economic spectrum. Working together to support each other to build one inclusive and accessible community.

Upcycle Bikes' core values include promoting safety, community, dignity, and environmental responsibility. They embrace, embody, and advocate these values across our operations and programs at all organizational levels.

You're invited to join Upcycle Bikes for their annual fundraising event to support greater access to community resources through the power of a bike. Pedals for Progress will be held on September 18, 2024 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm at the Embassy Suites. Together we'll provide community members with enhanced independence and opportunity as they ride refurbished bikes on the road to greater stability.



The Pedals for Progress program will highlight Upcycle Bikes' efforts and growth, individual and partner impact stories, and opportunities to support the large community need for an affordable mode of transportation.

We'll also host a silent auction with many fun items and several interesting bikes, including e-bikes!

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

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

Announcements

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The nominating committee (Chris Yates, Dan Poortenga, Rachel Blair, Ingrid Nelson, Kateri Schutt, David Baker, and Greg Rhodes) invites you to stay after the service today to vote on the nominees (see page to the right) for the senior pastor search.

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 Kelly. 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).

MIDWEEK FAMILIES' SURVEY

Please complete the survey found at this QR code at your earliest convenience. We are already planning for fall and would love your input!



FAIRY GARDEN MAGIC IS COMING TO MAYFLOWER CHURCH | AUG. 12-14

Ms. Jody brings the magic of the woods alive with imagination and creativity as she guides grade school students in crafting a home for gnomes and fairies galore. Classes August 12-14th at 9:30-10:30am, 11am-12pm and 1-2pm. Space is limited. Please use QR code to sign up.



Calendar

Today, July 14

10:30am | Morning Worship

*Rev. Maurice Fetty, preaching
Scott Bosscher, soloist

Following the Service | Congregational Mtg

JULY

21 Morning Worship | 10:30am

*Rev. Ricardo Tavaréz, 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

12-14 Fairy Camp | 9:30am, 11am, 1pm

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 - Senior Pastor Search Committee

The Nominating Committee (Kateri Schutt, Chris Yates, Ingrid Nelson, Rachel Blair, Greg Rhodes, David Baker, and Dan Poortenga) presents the Senior Pastor Search Committee. Please attend the congregational meeting following the July 14 service to vote on this slate.



Matthew Dhaseleer has been attending Mayflower for more than 2 years and became a member in 2023. Matthew and his wife Robin's kids are active in Midweek and the children's choir. Matthew has been active serving on the Worship and Music Committee, as an usher and as the liaison for our tech team.



Barbara Gordon and her late husband George joined Mayflower over 60 years ago, in 1963. She helped to start the church library with founding members, has served on Priscilla's Circle, co-chaired the kitchen on Wednesday nights, worked at the Second Best Sale and kept records for Eden's Village. Barbara attends Bible study and has served several times on, and is currently a member of the Outreach Committee.



Patrick Miller and Katherine joined Mayflower 11 years ago in 2013, becoming interim youth group leaders in 2014. Recently back in the area, their oldest child is involved with Midweek and Choir. Their youngest daughter was baptized on June 23.



Courtney Weiler and Eric have been members for 2 years, joining in 2022. Their children, ages 8, 10 and 12, are involved in Midweek and other

youth activities. Courtney has served on Council since 2023, participates in Monday morning Bible study and is chair of the Congregational Events Committee.



Chris Edgar and wife, Linda, joined Mayflower 48 years ago in 1976. In addition to serving the church as Chair of the Board of Deacons and twice as

a Council Moderator, he has served on multiple committees, including a previous Pastor Search Committee, Personnel, Music and Worship, Executive and Stewardship Committees. He has sung with the Chancel Choir for 20+ years.



Barbara Hohman and her late husband, Russell, joined Mayflower more than 40 years ago. In addition to serving twice as Council

Moderator, she has served on multiple committees, including a previous Pastor Search Committee, Personnel, Executive and Stewardship. She has been singing in the Chancel Choir for 40+ years.



Peter Houlihan and his wife, Allison, were married at Mayflower and have been members for almost 25 years. Peter was baptized at Mayflower,

as were his three children. He has been a member of the choir and assisted with Midweek, youth groups, and Sunday school. He was Council Moderator in 2010, and has served on many committees including Personnel and Executive.



Janice Yates and husband Chris joined Mayflower 18 years ago, in 2006. She is best known for her contributions to Mayflower through participating in the Bell Choir, ushering, being on Worship and Music committee and arranging the silk flower arrangements.



Dave Hathaway and his wife, Sheila, joined Mayflower 49 years ago in 1975. In addition to serving the church as Chair of the Board of Deacons and as a Council Moderator, he has served on multiple committees including Pastor Search Committees, Personnel and Executive Committees. He has sung in the Chancel Choir and been a member of the Monday men's Bible study.

COMMITTEE ADVISORS:



Rev. Steve Armfield started Thornapple Covenant Church in Cascade in 1979, retiring in 2009. In 2021, Steve served as an Interim Pastor at Mayflower and is currently serving Mayflower as Interim Pastor of Congregational Care. He has been part of the men's Bible studies and deacons and continues to serve on staff when needed.



Rev. Eric Britcher came to Mayflower as office manager 31 years ago in 1993. He served as Children's Choirs Director, Christian Education Director, and Associate Pastor for 7 years. He has served on council, led men's Bible study for 28 years, and sings in choir.

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. Munroe 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.

Books are available at the Welcome Table.

Baptisms

We celebrate with the families of Elliott Michael, son of Adam and Elizabeth Rzepka; and Quinn Katherine, daughter of Patrick and Katherine Miller, who were baptized June 23.



Praises and Prayers

Week of July 14, 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 through playing the organ during the June 29 service. (7/9)

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)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Please pray for **Nancy Miller** as she recovers from thoracic and general surgery. (7/9)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Pray for **Verne Wandell** and **Sherry Sieman**, friends of David Baker, who have ongoing health issues. (7/9)

Steven Gnewkowski asks for prayers for US Army Private Ryan Guernsey. (7/9)

We ask for prayers for **Mayflower's Boy Scout Troop** as they camp at Gerber Scout Reservation July 14-20. (7/9)

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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Please pray for **Nola Wetherbee** and family as they mourn the death of Paul Wetherbee, who died July 8. No service arrangements are known at this time. (7/10)

Please pray for the Beusse family as they mourn the death **Jeff Beusse** who passed away July 4. A service will be held July 16, 4pm-7pm at Kent Country Club. (7/9)

We pray for the family of **Pamela Kidd**, wife of Rev. Dr. Reily Jensen, who died July 2. A memorial service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church July 13 at 11am. (7/9)

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)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for all those affected by the summer storms and hurricanes.

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.

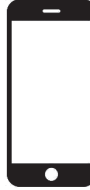
Grant wisdom to world leaders, that they may see that common humanity makes us all brothers and sisters to one another. (5/7)

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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

THE TRIUNE GOD

37 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Welsh Hymn

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est to both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all; We
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -
 jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy
 blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, And
 praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'Tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee. A - men.

ST. DENIO
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Fairest Lord Jesus

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Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

Arr. by Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900, alt.

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God and man the Son,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 And all the twin - kling, star - ry host:

Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, Than

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast. A - men.

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

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THE TRIUNE GOD

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Christ Is the World's True Light

George W. Briggs, 1875-1959

Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1649-1701

Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

1. Christ is the world's true light, Its cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2. In Christ all ra - ces meet, Their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3. One Lord, in one great name U - nite us all who claim You;

The day - star clear and bright Of ev - 'ry land and na - tion;
 The whole round world com - plete, From sun - rise to its set - ting;
 Cast out our pride and shame That hin - der all to name You;

New life, new hope a - wakes Wher - e'er we own God's way; From
 When Christ is throned as Lord, All shall for - sake their fear To
 The world has wait - ed long, Has la - bored long in pain; To

bon - dage free - dom breaks, And night is turned to day.
 plough-share beat the sword, To prun - ing-hook the spear.
 heal its an - cient wrong. Come, Prince of peace, and reign. A-men.

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