

MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 21, 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

Psalm 23 (3 variations)
by Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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

Amy Conway

CALL TO WORSHIP

Murry Idema

Leader: Come, walk in green pastures.

People: We follow the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, lie down in green pastures.

People: We trust the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dine at the table of abundance.

People: We are fed by the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dwell in God's house.

People: We live in the Shepherd's care.

All: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.

OPENING HYMN 8* *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDTH

OPENING PRAYER* (read in unison)

Murry Idema

Shepherd of our lives, guide us to the still waters. Lead us on the right paths. Walk beside us when we go through our darkest valleys. Help us to know Your Comforting Presence is always with us. We know that in You there is nothing to be afraid of, so help us to stand for love, peace and justice. We know that You prepare the table before us, that You care for us, that we are Your sheep forever. Help us in this world to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with You; and wherever we may go, may we follow Your path. In the name of Christ, the Good Shepherd, 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Conway

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 553
Psalm 23
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 392

Murry Idema

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Psalm for the People

Rev. Ricardo Tavárez

HYMN 50*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Eric Britcher

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Anne Marie Church, soloist
arr. Edward Boatner

Text to this anthem can be found in the Hymnal #433

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

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 45*

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Tavárez

DISMISSAL*

Rev. Tavárez

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

Voluntary on the Old 100th
by Henry Purcell (ca. 1659-1695)

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.

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.

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 offered August 12-14 at three available time slots 9:30-10:30am, 11am-12pm and 1-2pm. Space is limited. Please use QR code to sign up.



Calendar

Today, July 21

10:30am | Morning Worship
*Rev. Ricardo Tavárez, preaching
Anne Marie Church, soloist

JULY

- 23 Council Meeting | 6:30
- 25 69UP event | 5pm
Men's Bible study event | 7pm Whitecaps
- 28 Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Jeff Munroe, preaching
Josh and Lindsay Ledesma, soloists

AUGUST

- 4 Communion Sunday | 10:30am
*Rev. Jonathan White, preaching
Brennen Kartes, soloist
- 8 MS/HS Kickball
- 11 Morning Worship | 10:30am
*Rev. Dr. Robert K. Livingston, preaching
Ryan Potts, soloist
- 12-14 Fairy House 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 Communion Sunday
Morning Worship | 10:30am
Scott Bosscher, soloist
- 2 Labor Day | Office Closed
- 8 Fall Kick Off Sunday

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.



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 21, 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

As a congregation we give thanks to the Holy Spirit for blessing our church community with an atmosphere of **vibrance and positivity**. We are thankful for an increase in summer attendance and fellowship among our members and friends. (7/16)

We give praise for the unanimous affirmation of the **Senior Pastor Search Committee**. (7/16)

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

Please pray for Ellen DeHaan's brother, **Michael Hedges**, who is dealing with heart-related issues. (7/16)

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)

Pray for **Paula Gaylord** who is struggling with health issues. (7/16)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We extend our condolences to Mayflower friend, **Merrily Holladay** and her family, upon the death of her husband, Bob Holladay who died July 13. (7/18)

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 was held July 16 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 was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church July 13. (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

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

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

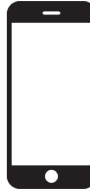
We pray for peace and safety in the world amid ongoing turmoil, specifically in Haiti, the Middle East, and Ukraine.

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Download the app and create an account for future secure scan-and-go transactions.



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On your phone, simply text the word: GIVE To: 16163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

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Rev. Ricardo Tavárez, 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

THE TRIUNE GOD

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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Psalm 100

William Kethe, ca. -1594

Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510-1561

Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
 2. The Lord, ye know, is God in - deed;
 3. O en - ter then His gates with praise;
 4. For why? the Lord our God is good,
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
 With - out our aid He did us make;
 Ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;
 His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure;
 The God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,

Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
 We are His flock, He doth us feed,
 Praise, laud, and bless His name al - ways,
 His truth at all times firm - ly stood,
 From earth and from the an - gel host

Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 And for His sheep He doth us take.
 For it is seem - ly so to do.
 And shall from age to age en - dure.
 Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more. A - men.

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

THE FATHER

Praise to God

THE TRIUNE GOD

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23

Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Ancient Irish Melody

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear
 5. Thou spread a ta - ble in my sight, Thy unc - tion
 6. And so through all the length of days Thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
 soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant pas - tures
 love He sought me, And on His shoul - der gen - tly
 Lord, be - side me: Thy rod and staff my com - fort
 grace be - stow - eth, And O what trans - port of de -
 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I sing Thy

His, And He is mine for - ev - er.
 grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 laid, And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er. A - men.

ST. COLUMBA
8.7.8.7

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

Traditional Dutch Melody
 Arr. by Julius Röntgen, 1855-1933

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

of the sea; There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, Which is
 of man's mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most
 fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der From a

more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's sor-rows
 won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more sim-ple,
 love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the sin-ner

Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's
 We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be all
 And more grac-es for the good; There is mer-cy with the

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."
 Second verse: "Than the measure of our minds"

IN BABILONE
 8.7.8.7D

THE TRIUNE GOD

fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
sun-shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.
Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in His blood. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'THE TRIUNE GOD'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in the same key and time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.