

# MAYFLOWER

Congregational Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 8, 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**

*Sicilienne*  
by Gabriel Fauré

Karolin Ravens-Banik, flute

## **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

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

*Abby Brooks*

Kateri Schutt, Moderator  
Chris Yates, Vice Moderator

## **INTROIT**

*From the Rising of the Sun*  
by Eric Thiman

Chancel Choir

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's Name be praised

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Proverbs 22)

David Blair, Council Member

Leader: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches

**People: And favor is better than silver or gold**

Leader: The rich and the poor have this in common:

**People: The Lord is the maker of them all**

Leader: Those who are generous are blessed

**People: For they share their bread with the poor**

Leader: The Lord is Lord of all

**People: Come let us worship!**

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22\*** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## OPENING PRAYER\* (read in unison)

David Blair

**Holy One, the Psalmist reminds us that You made heaven and earth, the sea and all that it contains. You execute justice for the oppressed and You give food to the hungry. You set the prisoners free and open the eyes of the blind. You lift up those who are bowed down and you love the righteous. Lead us to the path of righteousness. Show us how to increase our faith by our works so that Your name is glorified. 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.**

## ANTHEM

*Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place*  
by Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;  
Let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!

Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard;  
Let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!

O may we join the heavenly choir that through the ages will sing on;  
In praise to Father, and to Son, one alleluia!

## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

This morning we are pleased to baptize **Thomas (Tommy) Mark, Reese Marie, and Mila Frances** children of Mark Paul Henley and Meredith Frances-Reed Henley, and **Lucy Jane Reed**, daughter of Kate and Andrew Reed.

## 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

James 2:1-17  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 854

David Blair

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Faith Without Works is Dead*

Rev. Bell Olsson

**HYMN 307\****We Are Called***CALL TO OFFERING**

David Blair

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Offertory*  
by John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**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. Bell Olsson

**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 448\****How Shall I Serve You, Lord?*

ST. THOMAS

**BENEDICTION***The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
by Peter C. Lutkin

Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

**DISMISSAL\***

Rev. Bell Olsson

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***Pan* (Pastorale for Flute)  
by Joannes Donjon

Karolin Ravens-Banik, flute

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The sanctuary flowers are given by Eric and Kathy Wynsma  
in honor of their children, Ella & Connor, Murphy & Jenna.

# Council Update

The Council met on 8/27/24. We reviewed and discussed the July financials. In continuing the Council's yearlong efforts to increase communication, we will share the financial information in this section of the bulletin moving forward. Please reach out to anyone on the Council with questions.

Council Members: Kateri Schutt, Moderator; Chris Yates- Vice Moderator, John P. Schneider- Treasurer, Amy Conway, Martin Grin, Patty Sienstra, Kris Wilson, Dan Poortenga, Susan Orban, Courtney Weiler, Kathy Wynsma, Peter Northouse, John VerMeulen, David Blair, Ingrid Nelson, and Robin Dhaseleer

## Mayflower Congregational Church Operating Income Statement

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	2024 JUL	2024 JUL YTD	2023 JUL YTD	2022 JUL YTD	2024 Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Current Pledges	110,016	516,835	518,366	426,169	813,576
Prev Pledge Balances	-	-	2,540		-
Other Contributions	6,442	56,432	43,287	55,317	90,826
Bldg/Grounds Use	1,140	13,462	12,560	13,111	26,000
Endowment Income	-	140,098	145,830	144,873	140,098
PPP/Tax Credits/Other Int Inc	2,638	13,150	2,961	175,169	10,157
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>120,236</b>	<b>739,977</b>	<b>725,543</b>	<b>814,640</b>	<b>1,080,657</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Personnel & Administration	57,222	431,939	400,021	358,511	739,195
Christian Education	1,808	11,571	6,368	8,904	17,348
Christian Outreach *	-	-	-	-	99,484
Membership	1,788	8,631	8,806	8,659	18,673
Music & Worship	1,213	25,024	30,075	23,218	58,960
House & Grounds	14,870	105,865	131,598	102,840	194,826
House & Grounds - Projects	5,360	7,922	12,900	14,671	32,115
Mayflower Youth	-	4,199	5,777	1,840	10,312
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>82,262</b>	<b>595,152</b>	<b>595,545</b>	<b>518,642</b>	<b>1,170,914</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>37,974</b>	<b>144,825</b>	<b>129,998</b>	<b>295,998</b>	<b>(90,257)</b>

### Planned Source and Use of 2022 Surplus

	206,379
2023 Net Loss	(29,809)
2024 Budgeted Loss	(90,257)
Remainder	86,313

\* Christian Outreach (Cycle 2024/25) = \$ 60,193  
 Formula = YTD Current Pledges + Other Contributions x 11.0%  
 Obligation to be satisfied in the 2024 and 2025 Fiscal Year

# Announcements for September 8, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events.

## FALL KICK OFF | TODAY!

Today, we kick off all our fall programming. **Sweet Dreams Ice Creams** will greet us after the service today to serve up ice cream treats!



## ELEVATE YOUTH GROUPS | TONIGHT!

**5-5:45pm**  
Middle School

**5:45-6:15pm**  
Dinner for Middle & High School

**6:15-7pm**  
High School



Join us to start the new year! Come enjoy Q'doba, Ohana Ice, T-shirts, 9 Square, Basketball, GAGA, and more!

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS INFORMATION

Beginning October 6, 9-10am, Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson will lead a class for those interested in becoming members at Mayflower. This 4 week class will conclude on Oct. 27 with new members being introduced at the morning service. **FUN FACT: Mayflower members receive early registration for Mayflower preschool!** Contact Rachael Cooley for details [rachael@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:rachael@mayflowerchurch.org).

## BELL RINGER NEEDED

We need one more ringer to complete our ranks. We rehearse Wed. 6-7pm and play in worship once every 5-7 wks. Ringing bells is a good way to **connect with our church family**. If you read music and can commit to rehearsals, please talk to Julia.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL WEEKEND

### CRANHILL RANCH | OCT. 25-27

Mark your calendars for this fun and meaningful weekend! Middle schoolers will participate in horseback riding, archery, sling shots, riflery, and more! Saturday morning, we will serve at a camp work project. Use the QR Code to reserve your spot. More information to follow.



**SAVE THE DATE: September 29, at 5pm** the youth groups will be hosting a "Sock Hop" to raise funds for this trip. Come back to the 50's and support our youth!

## BRING A MEAL TO THE WALLINS

Gary Wallin is recovering from a recent fall. To **support Gary and Gwen** during this time, consider bringing a meal to them. Scan QR code for details. Contact Rachael Cooley with questions.



## LADIES LUNCHEON | SEPT 17 | 11:30AM

Join us at Cascade Roadhouse Tuesday, Sept 17. RSVP to Maris Rosema at 616-821-0413.

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT | SEPT 26 | 7PM

Connect with other moms for an evening of fun and fellowship at Courtney Weiler's (937 San Lucia).

## JOYFUL SOUNDS FALL SESSION

Join our pianist, Melia Colwell and Joyful Sounds Music Studio for some musical fun! These 45-minute classes geared for 0-5 year olds are packed with musical experiences, bonding activities, and fun! Fridays at 9:30am, Sept. 13 - Nov. 15. [kidsmusicgrandrapids.com](http://kidsmusicgrandrapids.com)



## Today's Baptisms



(L-R) Reese Marie Henley born July 20, 2021; Mila Frances Henley born November 9, 2023; and Thomas (Tommy) Mark Henley born January 14, 2020.

Lucy Jane Reed born April 22, 2024.

# MIDWEEK '24-'25

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**4:00PM | Kick off party!**

Be ready for BUBBLES and OHANA Ice!  
Bring a Friend Frenzy, win a Prize!

**5:45PM | Parent Meeting**

### MIDWEEK SCHEDULE:

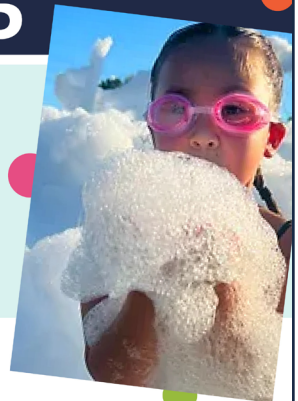
4pm-4:30pm | [Elementary Chimes/Dinner](#)

4:30pm-5pm | [Children's Choir \(3yo's-1st\)/2345 Dinner](#)

5pm-5:45pm | [Carol Choir \(2nd-5th\)/Younger Dinner](#)

5:45pm-6:10pm | [Chapel](#)

6:10pm-6:40pm | [Midweek Youth Group](#)



# Looking Ahead

*Upcoming dates to note*

## Today, September 8

- 10:30am** | Fall Kick Off Sunday  
Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching
- 5-7pm** | Elevate Youth Groups

## SEPTEMBER

- 9** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 10** Needlepoint | 10am
- 11** Priscilla Circle | 12pm  
Midweek | 4pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm  
Chancel Choir | 7:30
- 12** Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm
- 13** Men's Bible Study | 7am
- 15** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
MS/HS Bells | 11:45am-12:15pm  
MS/HS Choir | 12:15pm-12:45pm  
Elevate | 5-7pm
- 16** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 17** Needlepoint | 10am  
Ladies' Luncheon | 11:30am  
*Chamber Choir of GR\** | 6:30pm
- 18** Deacon Mtg. | 9:30am  
Midweek | 4pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm  
Chancel Choir | 7:30pm  
Finance Committee Mtg | 7:30pm
- 19** Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm
- 20** Men's Bible Study | 7am  
*Joyful Sounds\** | 9:30am
- 22** Morning Worship | 10:30am  
Mayflower Picnic | 11:30am  
Elevate | 5-7pm
- 23** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 24** Needlepoint | 10am  
Council Mtg | 6:30pm  
*Widowed Persons\** | 7pm
- 25** Midweek | 4pm
- 26** Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm  
Mom's Night Out | 7pm
- 27** Men's Bible Study | 7am  
*Joyful Sounds\** | 9:30am





# High School and Middle School Programming

The goal of youth ministry is to help young people through their teen years with spiritual guidance and fun! Youth ministries can create meaningful relationships with adult believers, which can help students stay connected with the church and flourish in their faith.

## MEET THE 2024/25 MAYFLOWER YOUTH MINSITRY TEAM



Amy Conway

Breakfast Club  
Elevate



Shari Graham

Elevate



Rachael Cooley

Elevate



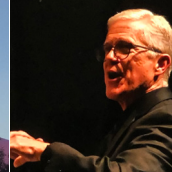
Allison Houlihan

Breakfast Club  
Mulick Tutoring



Ben King

Elevate



Mark Webb

Choir and Bells



Melia Colwell

Chimes  
Children's Choir



CLICK QR  
TO SIGN UP  
FOR WEEKLY  
REMINDER  
EMAILS

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

11:45am-12:15pm | MS/HS Bells

12:15pm-12:45pm | MS/HS Choir

5:00pm-5:45pm | Elevate (MS Youth Group)

5:45pm-6:15pm | Dinner (MS and HS Youth Group)

6:15pm-7:00pm | Elevate (HS Youth Group)

### Tuesdays

6:30am | HS Breakfast Club at Wolfgang's Restaurant

Lunch hour | HS Tutoring at Mulick Park Elementary

BRING A  
FRIEND!

## Welcome Our Sunday Morning Hosts



**Selam Kefyalew's** home is in Ethiopia and she is currently studying as a senior at Cornerstone University.



**Brittany Steffes** is a Middle School English teacher at Grand Rapids Prep Academy.

## Fall Bible Study Information - Starts the Week of Sept. 8

All are invited to connect with us this fall through a Bible study that best fits you and your schedule. Feel free to jump in when you are able. More details to come.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**Monday | 7:30am | Bill Robson | Library**



Beginning Sept. 9, we will be studying Isaiah.

**Monday | 5pm | Eric Britcher | Youth Rm**



This Fall we will begin a 12 week study of the book of Hebrews. Beginning date Monday, Sept. 9

**Friday | 7am | Greg Rhodes | Library**



We will kick off this group on Sept. 13 and choose a book to study at that time.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**Monday | 9:30am | Cindy DeBoer | Parlor**



Cindy is a writer and a speaker who documents her journey on her website. Read more about her here: [cindydeboer.com](http://cindydeboer.com)

**Monday | 5pm | Helen Bell | Library**



Church History: 400-1054 CE, especially seeking out the faith of women, and September and October, the book of James

**Thursday | 10am | Rev. Steve Armfield | Youth Rm**



Pastor Steve will lead a study about "Bringing our Stories to Light." He will incorporate the stories of the people we find in the Bible whose lives were changed as they asked "what," not "why". Suggested pre-reading for this study is "Telling Stories in the Dark" by Jeff Munroe. Copies of the books are in the church office.

## Sunday Morning Greeters and Cookies Providers

**We want to thank Mayflower groups and committees for providing cookies and greeting us! September is Congregational Care and Membership month**

**Congregational Care Committee** provides connection and support to our college students, baptism families, new members, those receiving meals and more.

**Membership Committee** identifies and implements opportunities for both new and current congregants to connect with the ministries of Mayflower and each other.



### Congregational Care Committee

(L-R) Barbara Hoeksema, Kathy Wynsma, IlaFlo Barfuss, Worth Hages, Beth Wood, Janna Melville, Murry Idema, Sandy VerBeek, Steve Miller (Not Pictured: Anneli Koets and Wendy Jacobs, Rachael Cooley, *Staff Support*)

# Praises and Prayers

Week of September 8, 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

**Jeff and Kim Peterson** have a new grandson.

**Katie and Kaylee Peterson** welcomed **Henry Oliver Peterson** on Aug. 27. (9/01)

We join with **Steve and Nancy Miller** as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. (8/22)

**Ellen Johnson** wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers at the time of her eye surgery. (8/22)

Praise for **Gwen and Gary Wallin's** daughter, **Carley**, and her baby, **Fisher**, who are healthy after a bout with Covid. (8/14)

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Tom Visser** had a heart catheterization on Aug. 28 and is recovering at home. (9/03)

**Mary Barr** was in an accident and sustained back and rib injuries. Pray for healing. (9/03)

**Ann Wells** had surgery on Aug. 25 for a fractured hip resulting from a fall. She is now rehabilitating at Freedom Village in Holland. (8/28)

**Maris Rosema** asks for continued prayer for healing. (8/27)

**Sheila Hathaway** had GI surgery on Aug. 16. She is at home and in some discomfort but is on the mend. Please pray for her as she recovers. (8/22)

Pray for **Nathalie Lanne** as she recovers from ACL knee surgery. She will be attending Christopher Newport University this fall and is on the tennis team. Nathalie is the daughter of Kerri Orders and Michel Lanne. (8/13)

Prayers for **Gary Wallin**, as he continues his recovery and rehabilitation from hip surgery. (8/14)

## PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

**IlaFlo Barfuss'** friend, **Bob Parriott**, had successful surgery to remove a cancerous growth and will have follow up treatment. (8/22)

**David and April Baker** ask for prayers for their friend Sherry Siemon who is dealing with ongoing health challenges. (8/13)

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

**Bob Skilton** died on Aug. 28. Our prayers go to his wife, **Jeanne**, and their family. A memorial service will be held at Mayflower on Oct. 18 at 11am with a luncheon to follow. (9/01)

**Bert and Lindy Crandell's** daughter and son-in-law, **Austin and Aaron Bartman**, gave birth to twins Adalae and Aaron on July 19. Sadly, Aaron passed away at three weeks of age. We extend our sympathy to the families and continue to pray for Austin, who is recovering from complications from childbirth. (8/27)

**Dick Stiffler**, died on Aug. 16. Dick was married to the late Tolly Stiffler were parents of members, **Clay and Kris Stiffler**, and children, **Andrew and Quincy**. There was a visitation at Mayflower on Sept. 4. (8/22)

## 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.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS



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### TEXT TO GIVE

On your phone, simply text the word: GIVE To: 6163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

## 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.

**NURSERY** is available for children birth through 3 years. Please sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children age 4 through 5th grade meet during the service following the Children's Message in the lower-level Youth Rooms. Children are asked to bring their Bibles. We will share "highs and lows" from the week, play Bible trivia, sing, have a Bible story lesson, and engage in a related activity. Middle Schoolers are encouraged to join us in Sunday school as small group helpers - they earn "CIT Bucks"!

## MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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616-459-6255 [www.MayflowerChurch.org](http://www.MayflowerChurch.org)

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Interim Senior Pastor

Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist

Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | 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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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,  
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -  
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,  
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, Which the morn - ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,  
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,  
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,  
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,  
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;  
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Fourth verse: "Our God's love is reigning o'er us,  
 binding us in one great plan."

HYMN TO JOY  
 8.7.8.7D



## THE TRIUNE GOD

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,  
Teach us how to love each oth - er,  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward

Fill us with the light of day!  
Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Good and gracious God, we come to You with thanksgiving for all Your many blessings. We are surrounded this day, and every day, with signs of Your truth and power. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the glory of Your love. We thank You especially for:

The beauty and power of Your creation.  
The gift of Christ, who brings peace and life.  
The work of Your Holy Spirit, guiding us and bringing us insights to Your will.  
The bright faith of new believers, the abiding devotion of Your loyal followers,  
and all companions on our journeys of discipleship.  
All relationships of love and caring, teaching us of Your love.  
The satisfaction of work well done.  
Opportunities, courage, and energy to serve You and share Your love.  
The ministries of our church, reaching out in faithful service in Your name.  
The gifts of our leaders, ministers, teachers, musicians, and administrators.  
Each member of our church, created by You in special ways for faith and service.

And for all the particular blessings of this day.

God of joy, our hearts are filled to overflowing with the fullness of Your blessings. Give us the strength, courage, and power to live as You have created us, transformed according to Your holy will. We offer these prayers of praise in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

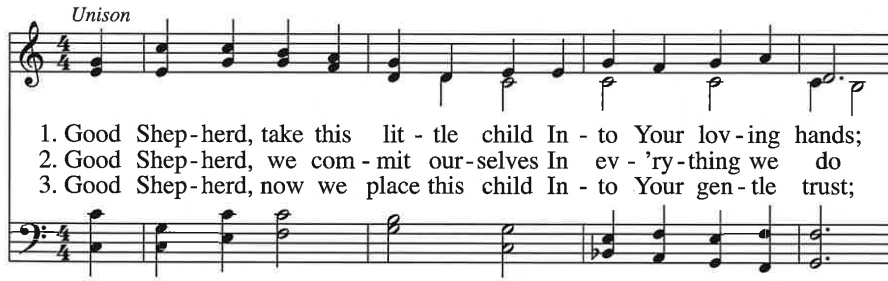
Rev. Susan LeFeber

# Good Shepherd, Take This Little Child 518

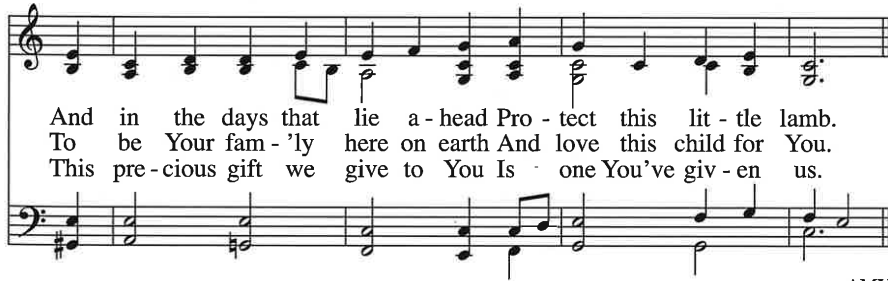
Claire Cloninger, 1942-

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.

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**Baptism**

**THE CHURCH**

GOD'S REVELATION

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We Are Called

Micah 6:8  
David Haas, 1957-

David Haas, 1957-

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the  
 2. Come! O-pen your heart! Show your mer-cy to  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when

A A/C# D D/E E A A/C#

love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the  
 all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the  
 all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each

D E E/G# F#m F#m7 D

king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God!  
 hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will be no more!  
 oth-er as sis-ters and broth-ers u-nit-ed in love!

A/C# D/B A/C# D D/E

# GOD'S REVELATION

E A/C# D E E/G# D/A E/A A A/C#

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are

D E F#m F#m7 A/C# D

called to love ten-der-ly, we are called to

E E/G# D/A E/A A D/B A/C# D E D/A

serve one an-oth-er; to walk hum-bly with God!

E/A A A/C# D D/E 1., 2. E 3. E E/G# A

serve one an-oth-er; to walk hum-bly with God!

# How Shall I Serve You, Lord?

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1. How shall I serve You, Lord? Re - veal Your  
 2. Am I to build, or teach, Or serve the  
 3. How in my dai - ly life, Can I be -  
 4. In fol - l'wing where You lead, If I lack  
 5. So call me forth to serve, How - ev - er

plan for me; My love for You I would en -  
 suff - 'ring, Lord? Must I stay home or jour - ney  
 come Your hands? To end op - pres - sion through Your  
 need - ed skill, I trust You will e - quip me,  
 that may be; I long to learn Your plan for

act, And live o - be - dient - ly.  
 far, To wit - ness in this world?  
 peace, In liv - ing Your com - mands.  
 Lord, to car - ry out Your will.  
 me, Then live o - be - dient - ly.