

# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 29, 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

*Divertimento No. 2 for three horns*  
by W. A. Mozart

Horn Trio

Allegro, Larghetto, and Rondo

## 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

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chris Edgar

**CONNECT MOMENT** *People of Mayflower: Who We CONNECT* Jessica Kemppainen

## 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

Jessica Kemppainen

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**People: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

**All: Praise God! Come let us worship the LORD!**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 223\*** *Spirit Devine, Attend Our Prayers* NUN DANKET ALL

## OPENING PRAYER\*

Greg Rhodes, Membership Committee

Leader: Holy One, we will this morning ask along with the author of the book of James, who among us is suffering? Who is full of praise? Our response is to come to you with all of our prayers. Your word promises that the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Help us to be righteous. Help us to always pray. We give this time of worship to You as we also give our hearts.

People: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. 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

*The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*

Chancel Choir

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The text can be found in the hymnal # 8.

Please join the choir in singing the last verse below:

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From earth and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

## SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

Greg Rhodes

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 856

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*The Prayer of the Righteous*

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.**

## SUNG RESPONSE 226

IVERSON

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

Greg Rhodes

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Dear Lord and Father*  
by C. Hubert H. Parry

Chancel Choir

The text can be found in the hymnal #421

## 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

## HYMN 432\*

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

## BENEDICTION\*

Rev. Bell Olsson

## 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

*Six Trios, Opus 82, for three horns*  
by Anton Reicha  
Finale: Allegro scherzando

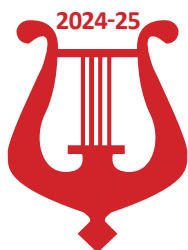
Horn Trio

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We welcome this morning's horn trio Paul Austin, Colin Bianchi, and Tricia Ruffer.

## Mayflower Choir at Mel Trotter Ministries *Season of Hope* Gala

As a church we have the opportunity of serving and sharing in the outreach efforts of Mel Trotter Ministries. On September 19, the Mayflower Chancel Choir performed at their fundraising gala at the JW Marriott. We thank our choir members, friends, and staff who attended the evening's festivities!



MONDAYS  
AT  
MAYFLOWER

[mayflowerchurch.org/concerts](http://mayflowerchurch.org/concerts)

## You're Invited!



**OCTOBER 7 | 7PM | CASTALIA QUARTET**

*Mary Scanlan, piano; Jenna Buchner and Letitia Jap, violin;  
Leslie VanBecker, viola; Alicia Eppinga, cello*

**OCTOBER 14 | 7PM | AN EVENING OF ORATORIO AND ART SONG**

*Bass-baritone Benjamin Clements sings a concert in memory of Bill Potts*

**OCTOBER 21 | 7PM | JAMES KIBBIE, ORGANIST**

*Music of Bach, Mozart, Vierne and more*

**OCTOBER 28 | 7PM | IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC**

*Eliot Grasso, piper and Adam Hende, guitar*

**NOVEMBER 18 | 7PM (6:15pm pre-concert conversation) | TO BE DVOŘÁK!**

*Clara Lyon, violin; Hannah Collins, cello; Sookkyung Cho, piano*

Pick up a brochure from the information display for more details on how to support this series.

# CONNECT TODAY TO BUILD THE VISION

We all need connections to each other and our community. As humans we are perfectly imperfect and desire a deeper connection with our God. Over the next five weeks, we invite you to CONNECT with Mayflower. Each week will feature ways we come together as a community to care for each other and the world around us. Come, be a part of Mayflower, CONNECT TODAY TO BUILD THE VISION of tomorrow!

September 22 | *Where We Connect - House and Grounds*

September 29 | *Who We Connect - The People of Mayflower*

October 6 | *How We Connect - Worship and Music*

October 13 | *Why We Connect - Outreach Partners*

October 20 | *Vision Sunday*

“so in  
Christ we  
who are  
many form  
one body,  
and each  
member  
belongs  
to all the  
others.”

-Romans 12:5

## CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE

Amy Conway,  
*Chair & CR*  
Martin Grin  
Allison Houlihan  
Kate Schneider  
Meredith Starnes  
Kyle Morrison

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chris Yates, *Chair*  
Ingrid Nelson  
Dan Poortenga  
Dave Baker

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chris Yates, *VM & CR*  
Chris Edgar  
Carl VerBeek  
Courtenay Oosterman  
Ken Goodson

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

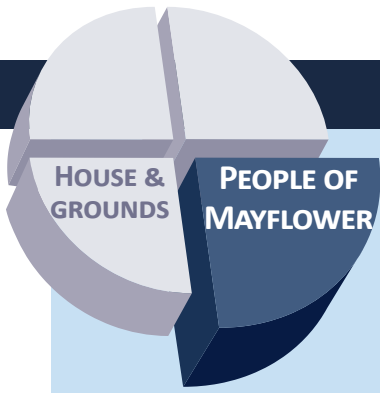
Kathy Wynsma, *CC & CR*  
Ila Flo Barfuss, *CC*  
Barbara Hoekzema  
Sandy VerBeek  
Steve Miller  
Anneli Koets  
Wendy Jacobs  
Worth Hages  
Janna Melville  
Beth Wood  
Murry Idema,  
*Deacon Liaison*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Betsey Spayde, *Chair*  
Kris Wilson, *CR*  
Beth Brackenridge  
Marilyn Goodson  
Greg Rhodes  
Doug Oosterman  
Marjie Gell

## CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Courtney Weiler,  
*Chair & CR*  
Katherine Miller  
Doug Oosterman  
Kristine Schwab  
Jess Ruppert  
Dawn Williams  
Dave Baker  
Susan Laffrey  
Elizabeth Bogo  
Patty Sienstra



# CONNECT TODAY TO BUILD THE VISION

## GROWING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

**Currently we connect through:** Sunday morning worship and coffee hour, Midweek on Wednesdays, choirs, youth groups, social groups, Bible studies, workshops, concerts, church-wide events, and various committees.

**In the future we hope to:** offer a youth mission experience, organize additional interest groups and intergenerational events, hire additional needed staff.



**Annual Church Picnic:** Every fall we host a picnic for all of our congregants, offering intergenerational fellowship.



**Committees:** Mayflower relies on its members to faithfully serve in volunteer roles on church council and committees.

## OUR MAYFLOWER COMMUNITY BY THE NUMBERS THIS PAST WEEK

- Sunday Service/Annual Picnic: 177
- Sunday School: 32
- Youth Group Participants: 26
- HS Breakfast Club: 11
- HS Tutors at Mulick Elementary: 17
- Needlepoint Guild: 12
- Adult Bible Studies: 60
- Moms' Night Out: 15
- Committee Meetings: 39
- Choirs: 25
- Midweek Participants (youth & adult): 34



**Art Camp:** Mayflower offers art camp to K-5<sup>th</sup> students during the summer.



**Needlepoint** and other social groups bring us together in fellowship.

# Looking Ahead

*\*Words in italics denote partnering organizations that meet at Mayflower*

## Today, September 29

**10:30am** | Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, preaching

**11:30am** | 49/59UP Group Idea Session

**11:45am** | MS/HS Bells

**5-7pm** | Car Hop Fundraiser

## SEPTEMBER

**30** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 5pm

Men's Bible Study | 5pm

## OCTOBER

**1** Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Needlepoint | 10am

*GRCC (Chamber Choir)\** | 6:30pm

**2** *Garden Club\** | 9:30am

Priscilla Circle | 12pm

Midweek | 4pm

Mayflower Bells | 6pm

*Al-Anon\** | 7pm

Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

**3** *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 10am

*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm

**4** Men's Bible Study | 7am

*Joyful Sounds\** | 9:30am

**6** New Member Class | 9am

Morning Worship | 10:30am

MS/HS Bells | 11:45am

Eden Village Update | 2pm

Elevate | MS 5-6:15pm

HS 5:45-7pm



**7** Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm  
Mondays at Mayflower | 7pm

**8** Breakfast Club | 6:30am  
Needlepoint | 10am  
*GRCC (Chamber Choir)\** | 5pm  
*Mahj in the Mitten\** | 6:30pm

**9** Midweek | 4pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm  
Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

**10** *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm

**11** Men's Bible Study | 7am  
*Joyful Sounds\** | 9:30am

**12** *Writing Camp\** | 9am

**13** New Member Class | 9am  
Morning Worship | 10:30am  
MS/HS Bells | 11:45am  
Elevate | MS 5-6:15pm  
HS 5:45-7pm



# Announcements for September 29, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events. Visit [MayflowerChurch.org/events](https://www.MayflowerChurch.org/events) for more information.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS INFORMATION

Beginning **Oct. 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. **DID YOU KNOW: Mayflower members receive early registration for Mayflower preschool!** Contact [rachael@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:rachael@mayflowerchurch.org) for details.

## CAR HOP FUNDRAISER

TONIGHT | 5PM

*Be there or be square!*



The youth groups will be hosting a "Car Hop" to raise funds for the Fall Middle School Retreat at CranHill Ranch (see below). Please park in the middle lot and be transported back to the 50's. Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, and root beer.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT CRANHILL RANCH | OCT. 25-27

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



## 49/59UP GROUP IDEA SESSION | TODAY

Join Patty Sienstra, David Baker, and Doug Oosterman in the Chapel after morning worship to share ideas for the upcoming year!

## 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. If you read music and can commit to rehearsals, please talk to Julia.

## EDEN VILLAGE UPDATE | OCT. 6 | 2PM

Come to hear from Eden Village's Executive Director, Ian Fry. Ian will share the current state of affairs with the children and programming at Eden Village.

## PUMPKINS & PINTS | OCT. 19 | 4-6PM

Mayflower families and children are invited to the Ruppert/Weiler backyards (937 San Lucia) for food and fellowship! Come for bounce houses, donuts, chili and Jets pizza squares.

## 69UP EVENT | OCT. 24 | 5PM-7PM

Everyone age 69+ is invited to a social event at the Lovell Hand Center. RSVP with what you will bring (appetizer/white wine) to [Murry@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:Murry@mayflowerchurch.org) or 616-243-2764.

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT | OCT. 30 | 6-7PM

This is a fun way to **be involved with our community!** Please come with your trunk decorated and ready to pass out candy! To sign up or for more details, contact [Rachael@mayflowerchurch.org](mailto:Rachael@mayflowerchurch.org).



## Fall Bible Study Information

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.



### Membership Committee

(L-R) Doug Oostermann, Marjie Gell, Beth Breckenridge, Marilyn Goodson, Kris Wilson, Greg Rhodes  
*Betsey Spayde (not pictured)*

# Praises and Prayers

*If you would like to receive prayer, 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

The **Crandell** and **Bartman families** are all celebrating **Adalae Jane Bartman's** coming home after 63 days at Helen DeVos' NICU. (9/24)

We celebrate with **Jonathan White** and **Maggie Bethel** on their marriage Sept. 14. (9/11)

**Jeff and Kim Peterson** have a new grandson. **Katie and Kaylee Peterson** welcomed **Henry Oliver Peterson** on Aug. 27. (9/01)

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers for **Helen Beuker and family** would be appreciated. Helen's husband Ron is in hospice care. (9/24)

**Bonnie Rottschafer** fell and broke her knee cap which involves a lengthy recovery. We pray for healing and lessening of pain. (9/17)

**Ann Wells** is recovering from hip surgery and doing well. She has been discharged from rehab and is staying with her nephew in Holland. We send prayers for her continued healing. (9/17)

**Lizann Donley** is being monitored for heart issues and continues to suffer with back issues. Pray for helpful diagnosis and treatment. (9/10)

**Margaret Henry** is dealing with atrial fibrillation and Parkinson's disease and **Chuck Henry** is recovering from painful cornea eye surgery. Please pray for both of them as they struggle with these issues. (9/10)

**Terry Zylman** had eye surgery and we pray that it was successful and that his vision is restored to normal. (9/10)

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

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

## PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

**IlaFlo Barfuss** asks for prayers for her cousin, **Sandy Duiker**, and husband, **Donald Duiker** who is in critical condition in a hospital in Waco, TX. (9/17)

**IlaFlo Barfuss'** friend, **Bob Parriott**, is now undergoing radiation treatment following surgery to remove a cancerous growth. (9/17)

## 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)

## 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



Scan the QR Code with your phone to give/pay directly through E-Zekiel: no sign-up required.

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



### 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"!

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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

Mark Webb, Interim Children & Youth Music Director | Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator

Jon Lang, Jana DeShane, and David Schellenberg | Facilities Team

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Andrew Reed, 1787-1862

Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this  
 2. Come as the fire, and purge our hearts Like sac - ri -  
 3. Come as the dove, and spread Thy wings, The wings of  
 4. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this

house Thy home; De - scend with all Thy  
 fi - cial flame; Let our whole soul an  
 peace - ful love, And let Thy Church on  
 world Thy home; De - scend with all Thy

gra - cious pow'rs, O come, great Spir - it, come!  
 of - f'ring be To our Re - deem - er's name.  
 earth be - come Blest as the Church a - bove.  
 gra - cious pow'rs, O come, great Spir - it, come! A - men.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

**432** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams, 1717–1791

John Hughes, 1873–1932

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

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

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

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

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

CWM RHONDDA  
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

Rev. Sandy Freud