

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 13, 2024 - 10:30am



Urban Family
Ministries



MEL TROTTER
MINISTRIES



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 *Intermezzo Op. 118 No. 2* Dr. Julia Brown, piano
by Johannes Brahms

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

CONNECT MOMENT *Outreach: Why We CONNECT* Robin Dhaseleer

INTROIT *From the Rising of the Sun* Chancel Choir
by Eric Thiman

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Robin Dhaseleer, Council Member

Leader: God, you are holy

People: In you our ancestors trusted

Leader: They trusted and you delivered them

People: To you they cried, and were saved

Leader: In you they trusted and were not put to shame

People: God, we trust you today with our lives

All: Come let us worship in faith and hope!

OPENING HYMN 259* *For the Beauty of the Earth*

OPENING PRAYER*

Robin Dhaseleer

Leader: Holy Lord, we are preparing our hearts for worship this morning, and we are preparing our church to receive our IHN guests this week.

People: Mold us and shape us to be welcoming people; welcoming your Holy Spirit and welcoming those we encounter.

Leader: We acknowledge that it is hard to enter God's Kingdom.

People: We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

All: Get us ready, Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us. 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

Jefferson

Mayflower Bells

Southern Harmony 1835, arr. Cathy Moglebust

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

Robin Dhaseleer

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 716

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Camels and Needles

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 447*

All Things Are Yours

GERMANY

CALL TO OFFERING

Robin Dhaseleer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Follow Me

Chancel Choir

by John Carter

Erin Gilbert, Guest Conductor

Come, my child, you hear me calling; Come, follow me! I will light the path before you. Come, follow me!

Come and share my joy, my glory, come and live the gospel story.

Come, my child, you hear me calling, Come, follow me!

Leave your nets like Simon Peter. Come, follow me! Touch my garment; I will heal you, Come, follow me!

Let my presence go before you. Let me comfort and restore you.

Come, my child, you hear me calling; Come, follow me!

Though the night be dark around you, come, follow me! Let my love and care surround you. Come, follow me!

I will be your crown, your treasure, I will bless you without measure.

Come, my child, you hear me calling, Come, follow me!

Let your song be "Alleluia!" Come, follow me! Let your prayer be "For God's glory!" Come, follow me!

I have chosen you and named you, with the Word and water claimed you.

Come, my child, you hear me calling; Come, follow me!

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 541*

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

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

Fugue in D Major
by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

Dr. Brown

Flowers are placed today by Elaine Matthews in loving memory of
Dr. Christian Matthews our beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Mondays at Mayflower



Moms Night Out!



Car Hop Fundraiser

Thank you for attending the youth fundraiser!
\$1,290 was raised for the middle school retreat.
If you were unable to attend but would still like to donate, you can do so through Ezekiel.



Thank You to Our Facilities Team - Jana and David



Jana and David work together in setting up, cleaning, and organizing so many things so that our outreach partners who use our space feel welcomed and comfortable.



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*

MAYFLOWER: ROOTED IN OUTREACH

“On Nov. 15, 1961, the Mayflower Church members took a significant action at their monthly church night dinner. Despite the fact that they had mortgaged themselves to the hilt in building their magnificent \$1 million church, the congregation apparently hadn’t forgotten their Christian obligation to others. Cash in the amount of \$600 had accumulated in the Benevolence Fund, and rather than put the money toward parlor furniture or draperies, as they had to be tempted to do, the Mayflower members wiped away the whole account in one benevolent motion. Three hundred dollars went to the Missionary Society of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and \$300 went to Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, with the members supporting the contributions, “unanimously” according to church records. Generosity in force, those early Mayflower members had demonstrated toward their own church-but this one action just a month before the church doors opened testified to the sincerity of their commitment as Christians to serve others.”

-Mayflower Congregational Church, The First 25 Years, pg. 33



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Susan Orban
Chair & CR

Theresa Sherman

Becky Barnes

Robin Dhaseleer

Barbara Gordon

Doug Congdon

Justin Starnes

**“Share with
the Lord’s
people who
are in need.
Practice
hospitality.”**

-Romans 12:13



CONNECT TODAY TO BUILD THE VISION

GIVING AND HOSPITALITY

In 2024, 10.5% of Mayflower’s budget was given to support organizations that care for others. These financial gifts are determined by the members of the Outreach Committee. This committee invites leaders of organizations to share their mission and vision, and then the committee finds ways that Mayflower can support the good work they are doing.

Mayflower’s outreach goes beyond financial support. We also open our doors to organizations that need a gathering space at no or low cost. Providing a warm and welcoming space is a privilege and mission that Mayflower is leaning in to. The gift of hospitality through welcoming others into this space is what the founders of yesterday and members of today should take great joy in. Our outreach in the community is what this church was founded on and what it is meant to be. Nothing that we have is ours, it all has come from God, and it is our privilege and calling to pass it along.

OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY MAYFLOWER:

Through Sharing Our Space Through Financial Giving

- Al-Anon
- Boy Scout Troop 271
- Calvin Alumni Choir
- Comprehensive Therapy Center (CTC)
- GR Chamber Choir
- GR Garden Club
- GR Writing Camp
- GR Youth Choruses
- Joyful Sounds
- Mayflower Preschool
- Mahj in the Mitten
- Netherlands Reformed Church
- Organ lessons
- Piano recitals
- ROAR (Lakeside Elem. PTO Fundraiser)
- Sisters of Faith
- Swedish American Heritage Society of West Michigan
- Widowed Persons Service
- Women’s City Club
- AYA
- Eden Ministries
- Family Promise
- In the Image
- Mel Trotter
- Mulick Elementary School
- New City Neighbors
- Salvation Army
- Upcycle Bikes
- Urban Family Ministries



Mulick Park tutoring students with donated gloves



Family Promise IHN guests



Women’s City Club monthly meeting



Upcycle Bikes bike donation

Looking Ahead

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

Today, October 13

9:00am | New member class

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

11:45am | MS/HS Bells

5-7pm | MS/HS Elevate dinner & play with IHN

IHN 13th-20th

OCTOBER

- 14 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
- 15 Breakfast Club | 6:30am
Needlepoint | 10am
Ladies' Luncheon | 11:30am
*GRCC (Chamber Choir)** | 5pm
*Mahj in the Mitten** | 6:30pm



- 16 Deacon's Mtg. | 9:30am
Midweek | 4pm
Mayflower Bells | 6pm
*Al-Anon** | 7pm
Chancel Choir | 7:30pm
- 17 *Women's City Club** | 9:30am
Women's Bible Study | 10am
*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm
- 18 Men's Bible Study | 7am
*Joyful Sounds** | 9:30am

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



This is a fun and easy way to **be involved with our community!** Please come with your trunk decorated and ready to pass out candy to children and youth from our church and surrounding community! To sign up, scan the QR code or contact dawnperrywilliams@gmail.com



Announcements for October 13, 2024

Mayflower news and details on upcoming events. Visit MayflowerChurch.org/events for more information.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS INFORMATION

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson is leading a class for those interested in becoming members at Mayflower. This 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 for details.

JOIN MAYFLOWER BELLS

Bell ringing is fun! 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.

IHN WEEK SIGN UP | OCT. 13-20

Oct. 13-20 Mayflower will be hosting 5 families currently without a home through the IHN program. **This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet the needs of others in a tangible way.** There are many ways to be a part of this outreach; make a meal, play with the children, help drive the van. Each volunteer opportunity is small but adds up to something bigger! Please take a minute and sign up via QR code. Reach out to Rachael Cooley with any questions.



LADIES' LUNCHEON OCT. 15 | 11:30AM

This month at On the Border at Woodland Mall at 11:30am on Tuesday, October 15. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Maris by calling 616.821.0413 by Monday, October 14.

MAHJONG | OCT. 15 & 29 | 6:30PM

Andrea Koster and Allison Houlihan will be teaching beginner Mahjong lessons. Please email MahjintheMitten@gmail.com or see Andrea or Allison for sign up details.

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

Mayflower **families and children** are invited to the Ruppert/Weiler backyards (937 San Lucia) for food and fellowship! There will be lots of inflatable fun! Mark your calendar and spread the word. We'll have mac&cheese, fried chicken, and veggie trays. BYOB

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 or 616-243-2764.

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.



GROWN-UPS GATHER & GRAZE OCT. 25 | 6-9PM

The Grown-ups Gather & Graze group (49/59UP) will meet Friday, 10/25 at the Bakers' home (1884 Radcliffe Ave.) April will be making "harvest festival food" and taking donations with proceeds going to the youth



MONDAYS
AT
MAYFLOWER

mayflowerchurch.org/concerts

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

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



OCT. 21 | 7PM | JAMES KIBBIE, ORGANIST

Music of Bach, Mozart, Vierne and more

OCT. 28 | 7PM | IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Eliot Grasso, piper and Adam Hendey, guitar

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

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

Sunday Morning Greeters and Cookies Providers

We want to thank Mayflower groups and committees for providing cookies and greeting us! October is Outreach and House & Grounds month!

Outreach Committee: To facilitate outreach in our community through word, deed, and resources.

House & Grounds Committee: To maintain the church building and grounds in proper working order and aesthetically pleasing shape while meeting safety, security and stewardship goals.



Outreach Committee

(L-R) Barbara Gordon, Doug Congdon, Susan Orban (Chair and CR), Robin Dhaseleer, Theresa Sherman, Becky Barnes (not pictured - Justin Starnes)

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

Ann Wells is recovering at home from hip surgery and doing well. She appreciates the prayers and cards. (10/01)

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)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Nancy Martin** who is at home recovering from a fall. (10/10)

Katie Brenneman is recuperating from recent knee surgery. Please pray for a quick recovery. (10/08)

We pray for **Eric Britcher** as he is having rehabilitation services to help regain his strength. (10/01)

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

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)

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

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

Our prayers go to all those who are affected by the devastating aftermath of recent 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.

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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

Jana DeShane and David Schellenberg | Facilities Team

GOD'S REVELATION

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For the Beauty of the Earth

Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Arr. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For Your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
 6. For Your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, Off - 'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,

O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

You we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

DIX
7.7.7.7.7

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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All Things Are Yours

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1931-

William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

1., 4. All things are Yours: we make that true
2. "Give out of love" Your Word com - mands;
3. O what a joy to give, and then

When we re - turn our gifts to You; And
We are Your head, Your heart, Your hands. Your
Out of com - pas - sion give a - gain. You

so we give, and so we share, In
Word You un - der - score with deeds By
have no needs— though that be true, The

Christ's strong name ex - press - ing care.
us - ing us to an - swer needs.
gifts we share are giv'n to You.

GERMANY
LM

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

541

Here I Am, Lord

Isaiah 6:8

Daniel L. Schutte, 1947-

Daniel L. Schutte, 1947-

Arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock

Verses

G Unison C/G G C/G G

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and

D G Em Am⁷ G/B C Am Am⁷/G

cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
 pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

D/F# D⁷/C G/B D/A G C/G G

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Am⁷ G/B C Am G/B C D Refrain D/F# G GSUS⁴

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

G GSUS⁴ Gmaj⁷/F# C/E C/D G GSUS⁴ G

Is it I, Lord? I have heard You

Am⁷ G/B C D D/F# G GSUS⁴ G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

GSUS⁴ G/F# C/E C/D G GSUS⁴ G Am⁷ D

if You lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my

1., 2. G GSUS⁴ G GSUS⁴ G/F# C/E DSUS² D/F# 3. GSUS^{2,4} G

heart. heart.