

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 27, 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

Irish traditional music

Eliot Grasso, Uilleann Pipes

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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

Courtney Weiler, Council Member

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Come let us worship!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 382* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

OPENING PRAYER*

Courtney Weiler

Leader: Lord of mercy, open our eyes to see your wonder and glory. Open our ears to hear your word and promises. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and compassion. Open our hands to release what we have been tightly gripping.

People: May our faith heal us and may we follow you all of our days. 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

Jacob's Ladder Elementary Chimes
American Folk Hymn
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The children are invited to come forward to witness this morning's baptism.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

This morning we are pleased to baptize **Tenley and Maddox**, children of Robin and Matt Dhaseleer.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Helen Bell Heather Decoster Kara Massa
The Wiacek Family (Michael, Lea, Grant, Jude, and Caroline)

(read by new members)

I believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and covenant with this church to love the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind; and to love my neighbor as myself. -Based on Mark 12:30, 31

(The congregation will stand and read in unison)

We, the members of Mayflower Church, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help, and our prayers, that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. God grant that loving and being loved, blessing and being blessed, serving and being served, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the life everlasting.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10: 45-52
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 716

Courtney Weiler

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rabbi, I Want to See

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN #334 VS. 1, 2, 3, 6

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

CALL TO OFFERING

Courtney Weiler

OFFERTORY

Take My Hand, Precious Lord
by Thomas Dorsey, arr. Ed Lojeski

Chancel Choir

The text to this anthem may be found in the Hymnal #434

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 356*

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

MELITA

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

Fanfare on Ein' Feste Burg
by Osterland

Dr. Brown

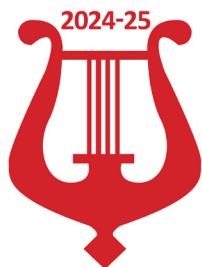
WELCOME! We are so glad you joined us today!

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.

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"!



MONDAYS
AT
MAYFLOWER

mayflowerchurch.org/concerts

OCT. 28 | 7PM | IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Eliot Grasso, piper and Adam Hendeby, guitar



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

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

Looking Ahead

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

Today, October 27

9:30am | New member class

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

OCTOBER

28 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

29 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Needlepoint | 10am

*GRCC (Chamber Choir)** | 5pm

*Mahj in the Mitten** | 6:30pm

30 Congregational Events | 12pm

Midweek | 4pm

Trunk or Treat | 6pm-7pm

Mayflower Bells | 6pm

*Al-Anon** | 7pm



31 *Women's City Club** | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 10am

*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

NOVEMBER

1 Men's Bible Study | 7am

*Joyful Sounds** | 9:30am

3 The Next Step Breakfast | 9am

All Saint's Sunday | 10:30am

MS/HS Bells | 11:45am

Elevate | MS 5-6:15pm

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



When you purchase symphony tickets to the following concerts, Mayflower will get **20% OF TICKET SALES** when you use the **code: MCC**

South American Heat

Friday, November 15th at 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 16th at 7:30 PM

DISNEY IN CONCERT A Dream is a Wish

Friday, January 17, 2025 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 18, 2025 7:30 PM

An Evening at Hogwarts: Music by Candlelight

Friday, April 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 7:30 PM



ONLINE

- Visit [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)
- Select your performance



- Before selecting seats, click the Unlock button and enter your promotional code



IN PERSON

Visit our office at
300 Ottawa Ave NW,
Suite 100
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



OVER THE PHONE

Call us at (616) 454-9451
x4 and mention the
promotional code

Welcome to Mayflower



Helen Bell



Heather Decoster



Kara Massa



Wiacek Family

Grant, Michael, Caroline, Lea, Jude

Pumpkins and Pints

Thank you to all who came to our annual Pumpkins and Pints event! what a beautiful evening for Mayflower families to connect with each other.



Bible Studies

There are multiple adult Bible studies available throughout the week. Check our online events calendar for more information.



JOIN US AT MAYFLOWER

Gratitude Sunday

A service to celebrate Thanksgiving
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | 10:30am



COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Wednesday | Nov. 6 | 6-7pm



Caitlin Volovlek

As a respected and experienced English teacher for 25 years, Caitlin Volovlek knows that the right questions, high expectations, and personal attention can transform the stressful application process. Her passion is guiding seniors to craft meaningful and memorable college entrance essays.

Please join Caitlin as she shares her expertise and inspires your senior to begin the essay process with confidence!

Reach out to Rachael Cooley at rachael@mayflowerchurch.org with any questions.

Announcements for October 27, 2024

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

ALL SAINTS DAY MEMORIALS DUE OCT. 28

If you had a loved one pass away this year and you would like them to be remembered in the 'All Saints Day' bulletin, please contact the church office by Oct. 28 at 616.459.6255 or office@mayflowerchurch.org

MAHJONG | OCT. 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 and additional dates.

SING ON CANTATA SUNDAY WITH CHANCEL CHOIR & A CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Starting Wed., Oct. 30, we will dedicate the first half hour of each rehearsal to the two major works we're singing on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Join us as we learn V. Williams' *Fantasy on Christmas Carols* and J. S. Bach's *For Us a Child is Born*.

Commitment is Wednesdays, 7:30-8pm, Saturday morning dress rehearsal, Dec. 7 and Sunday morning performance, Dec. 8. Talk to Julia or Scott with any questions.

"THE NEXT STEP" GROUP BREAKFAST NOV. 3 | 9AM

"The Next Step," Mayflower's singled seniors group is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, 11/3 at 9am in the Chapel. This new group is for those that have lost a loved one and would like to find community with other singled seniors. Please RSVP with Ila Flo at ilaflo@att.net.

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP NOV. 6 | 6PM

Please join Caitlin Volovlek in the parlor on Nov. 6 as she shares her expertise and inspires your senior to begin the essay process with confidence!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE BAKE SALE | NOV. 17

EVERYONE is invited to donate baked goods for the sale. On 11/17, bring your baked goods to the tables in the Atrium before the service.

MEL TROTTER EVENT | NOV. 17 | 12PM

Mayflower Outreach invites everyone on Sunday, Nov. 17th from 12-1:30 to gather at Mel Trotter's Hope Village (100 Garden Street SE). Plan on joining us after the Sunday service for Q'Doba lunch, tours of the space, and a special message from the new CEO of Mel Trotter Ministries, Chris Palusky.

Mayflower is one of the initial funders of the Hope Village Tiny Homes Community project. While at the lunch, everyone will get to vote on an item for Outreach to donate for the new Community Center that will be complete in spring of 2025. Come be a part of this exciting day! meltrotter.org/get-involved/donate-now/immeasurablymore/



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

Praise God for the baptism and new members we welcomed to Mayflower today. (10/27)

We give praise and thanks for the many families and individuals who made commitments to Mayflower Church on Vision Sunday. (10/22)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Wendy Jacobs will have knee surgery on Thursday, Oct. 31. Please pray for the procedure and her recovery.

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)

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.

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.



House & Grounds Committee

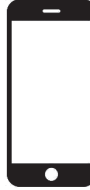
(L-R) Clay Stiffler, Bert Sherman, Greg Conway, Karen Roth, Greg Scott (Chair), Chris Krupp
(not pictured: Tom Sherman and Peter Northouse)

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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 COVENANT PEOPLE

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Based on Psalm 46

Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No

bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er He a -
 striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man
 threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the

mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He;
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for Him;
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so;

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

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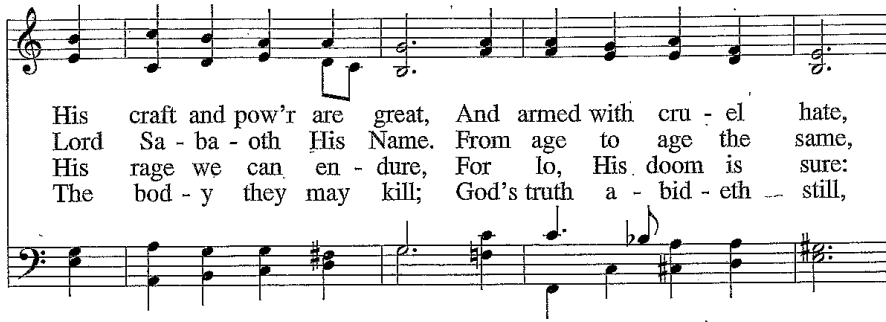
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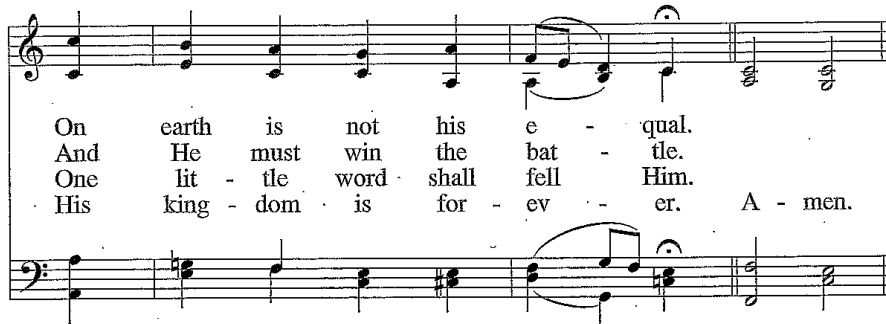
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Comfort and Encouragement

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el hate,
Lord Sa - ba - oth His Name. From age to age the same,
His rage we can en - dure, For lo, His doom is sure:
The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still,



On earth is not his e - qual.
And He must win the bat - tle.
One lit - tle word shall fell Him.
His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

Eternal God, we sing of Your strength and power.
We recall Your faithfulness and Your promises.
We proclaim that You have been our refuge and our help,
our fortress and our shield, our helper and the One alongside us.
But we confess that sometimes, especially in trial and tragedy,
we sit stunned, shocked, immobilized, or grief stricken.
We hurt and ache, pained in our own experience,
or for others who face calamity, heartache, and violence.
Lord, we cry out to You to be our comforter, our healer, our hope.
We cry out to You to be the comforter and healer of others who suffer.
We long to feel Your arms of grace and love around us.
Lord, guide us to be those arms to one another.

And We give thanks that when all else seems lost, when darkness hovers,
Your light, Your word, Your grace, Your mercy,
Your peace, Your presence still remain;
and we put our trust in You.
In the power of the Resurrection. Amen.

Rev. Thomas H. Van Tassell

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.

C D7/A G Am Em/G

bap-tized in the name of the Son; come, be bap-tized in the

F6 C/G Dm7 Am/E Dm/F F G C

name of the Spir-it; come, be bap-tized in love.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Amazing Grace

John Newton, 1725-1807
St. 6, anonymous

Traditional American Melody
Carrell and Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*, 1831
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound That
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
 in the veil, A life of joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

AMAZING GRACE
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Edward Mote, 1797-1874

John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sus - tain me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I then in

right - eous - ness; No mer - it of my own I claim, But
 chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My
 rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are washed a - way, He
 Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Re -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. On Christ, the sol - id
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id
 then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the sol - id
 deemed to stand be - fore the throne! On Christ, the sol - id

rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.
 rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.
 rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.
 rock, I stand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

MELITA
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