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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 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

Guia Prático (1932)

Dr. Julia Brown, piano

Acordei de Madrugada (Dawn); A Maré Encheu (Full Tide); A Roseira (Rose Bush); Manguinha (Little Lame Girl); Na Corda da Viola (On the Strings of a Viola) by Heitor Villa-Lobos

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

CONNECT MOMENT Worship and Music: How We CONNECT Anne Marie Church

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

INTROIT

Come, All You People (Uyai Mose)

Chancel Choir

by Alexander Gondo, arr. John Bell

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker, Come now and worship the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Stoddard

Leader: If you are hungry,

People: There is room at God's table.

Leader: If you are weary,

People: there is a seat saved for you.

Leader: If you dream of belonging, then we will practice belonging here.

From north, south, east, and west, God invites us home.

People: Let us worship our nourishing God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 261* All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OPENING PRAYER* (read responsively)

Sue Stoddard

Leader: Nourishing God, open up something new in us.

People: Open up curiosity or hunger. Open up attentiveness or compassion. Leader: Open up the parts of our hearts that need your centering Word the

most. And then, like yeast in bread, may your love expand in us.

People: We are listening. We are hopeful.

All: 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.

ANTHEMS

God Is So Good

Children's and Carol Choir

arranged by Eric Shanfelt

God is so good; He's so good to me! He cares for me... I'll do His will... He is my Lord...

What A Mighty God We Serve arranged by Craig Alea

What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him, heaven and earth adore Him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 11:17-26

Sue Stoddard

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 812

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

...And Another Gets Drunk...

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 525* v. 1 & 2

One Bread, One Body

CALL TO OFFERING

Sue Stoddard

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Baba Yetu

Chancel Choir; Ryan Potts and

by Christopher Tin

Brandon Harris, solos

Baba yetu, yetu'uliye mbinguni yetu yetu amina. Baba yetu yetu'uliye mjina lako elitukuzwe (Swahili adaptation of The Lord's Prayer by Chris Kiagiri)

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (read in unison)

We believe in a nourishing God who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock.

We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth, who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.

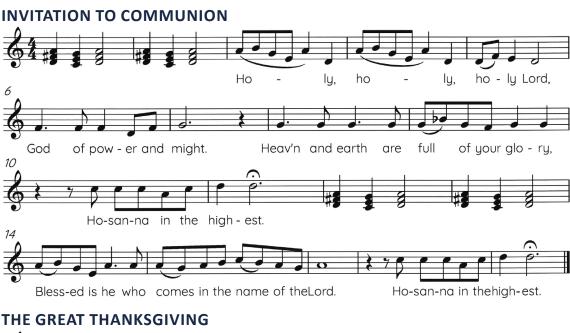
We believe in an expansive God--the wild Holy Spirit--meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather.

Trusting that good news, we come to the Table. We pull up extra seats. We learn each other's names. We bless the food. We tell the story. We remember Christ's love, and we look for God in all of it.

We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Today's sacramental elements are representative of our global church. There is a gluten free option available.





PRAYER OF INVOCATION



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SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC Here, O my Lord, I See Thee Face to Face Chancel Choir by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; Here would we touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

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 536*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

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

O Polichinelo

Dr. Brown, piano

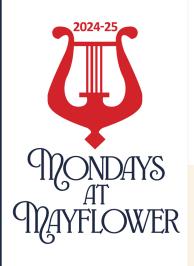
by Heitor Villa-Lobos

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Sarah Speed A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

MUSIC NOTES:

As we worship together on this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our connections to the whole Kingdom of God — all cultures, races, languages, faiths. The music we experience this morning reflects this diversity and celebrates our oneness. By crossing into another's culture, we are reminded that we are all neighbors, and that our church is truly a global church. Today we connect to our younger generations with our children's choirs singing for the first time this fall.

Today's prelude and postlude are by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, and are piano settings of nursery songs. Villa-Lobos' writing combines Brazilian folk music and European classical traditions. The Introit, *Uyai Mose (Come, all you people)* is a Shona song from Zimbabwe that has become ecumenically popular in North America. Our opening hymn is a text by St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225 sung to a 17th century German melody (LASST UNS ERFREUEN). The hymn following today's sermon, *One Bread, One Body* was written in the 1970s by John Foley. It expresses the unity of Christians through the ages and throughout the world. The text closely quotes from I Corinthians "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." Our Offertory anthem is a Swahili adaptation of the Lord's prayer (Baba Yetu), composed by Christopher Tin. During communion the choir sings *Here, O my Lord* by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946). He studied with major English composers such as Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams, and his music demonstrates great sensitivity in melodic and harmonic lines. Our closing hymn, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*, is by theologian Fred Kaan, set to a Jamaican folk tune. This combination of text and tune was first sung at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi, Africa, in 1975.



mayflowerchurch.org/concerts

OCTOBER 7 | 7PM CASTALIA

Mary Scanlan, piano; Jenna Buchner & Letitia Jap, violin; Leslie Van Becker, viola; Alicia Eppinga, cello

Castalia was formed in 2009 by local women instrumentalists dedicated to





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

Looking Ahead

*Words in italics denote partnering organizations that meet at Mayflower

Today, October 6

9am | New Members Class

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

11:45am | MS/HS Bells

2pm | Eden Village update

5-6:15pm | MS Elevate youth group

5:45-7pm | HS Elevate youth group

OCTOBER

- 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

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: Facilitates outreach in our community through word, deed, and resources.

House & Grounds Committee: Maintains 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)

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. Throughout five weeks this fall, 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



"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise"

-Psalm 98:4

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Linda Edgar, Co-chair
Cheryl Blair, Co-chair
David Blair, CR
Janice Yates
Matt Dhaseleer
Kay Scott
Michelle Muza-Moons
Janet Armfield
Dave Baker

WORSHIP AND MUSIC STAFF

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Dr. Julia Brown Scott Bosscher Melia Colwell Rachael Cooley Children's Choir Director Choir Section Leaders HOUSE & GROUNDS

PEOPLE OF MAYFLOWER

WORSHIP & MUSIC

CONNECT TODAY TO BUILD THE VISION

We connect through deep, rich, and intergenerational worship with sermons grounded in scripture. Music has traditionally been an important part of our community, with organ, congregational hymns, and choirs leading our worship. We partner with local music organizations such as GR Symphony, American Guild of Organists, GR Choir of Men and Boys, and Calvin Alumni Choir.

In the future we hope to further connect with our community leading to a consistent gathering and growth on Sunday mornings.



In addition to Sunday morning worship, we offer special services including Christmas Eve, Cantata Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Confirmation which includes an active youth choir program.



Our Whitechapel bells were cast in England by the same foundry as Big Ben. We have 132 bells and 25 ringers.



Mondays at Mayflower offers concerts in the fall and during Lent, averaging 100 in attendance.



The Tellers/Lauck organ, one of the finest in West Michigan, was dedicated by Virgil Fox in 1968.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

- First MCC worship service at Lakeside Elementary School - Sept. 7, 1958
- Five Senior Pastors in our 66 years
- Sunday morning attendance this fall is up 12%
- High school A/V techs 9
- Avg. attendance at Midweek 34
- Ushers 16
- Baptisms 16
- 2024 Confirmands 8
- Weddings scheduled- 8
- Memorial services 8
- Participants in choir program 50
- Increased online presence through Facebook, Instagram, website, and YouTube channel

WAYS TO GET CONNECTED

- Sing in a choir
- Play bells
- Read scripture during worship
- Serve Communion
- Serve as an usher
- Teach/Attend Sunday school
- Participate in Midweek
- Greet on Sunday mornings
- · Donate cookies for coffee hour
- Volunteer for Mondays at Mayflower
- Attend a concert
- Lead/Join a Bible Study

Announcements for October 6, 2024

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

NEW MEMBERS CLASS INFORMATION

Starting today, 9-10am, and for the next 4 weeks, Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson will lead 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.

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 | TODAY | 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.

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 15th. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Maris by calling 616.821.0413 by Monday, October 14.

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.

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.

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

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

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 fibrilation 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 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

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

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 worshiping 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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All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226 Trans. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933 Geistliche Kerchengesäng, Cologne, 1623 Harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



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

Third verse: "That givest us (or all) both"

Fourth verse: "And all ye folk of tender heart" or "All who possess a tender heart"



Creator God,

May the majesty of Your creation forever remain a mystery, that we may know wonder and awe, and with joyful hearts sing Alleluia.

May the creative power of Your spoken word be made available to us through the understanding of Your written word, that we may sing Alleluia with grateful hearts.

For the miracle of birth and Your gift of rebirth through Jesus, may we sing Alleluia with loving hearts.

While You remain omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient, may all come to know You as trusting friend and personal Savior, and with new and clean and faithful hearts sing Alleluia.

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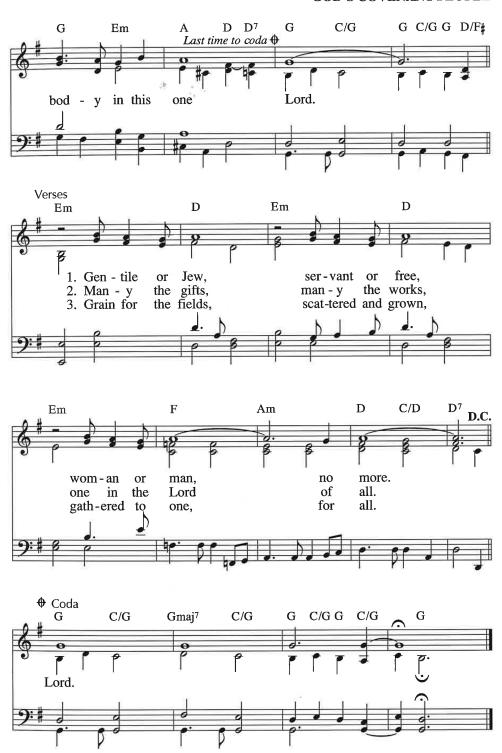
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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Fred Kaan, 1929-Jamaican Folk Tune Adapt. by Doreen Potter, 1925-1980 Unison tal-ents and tongues em-ploy. 1. Let Reach-ing out with a 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one. the ta - ble He sends us 3. Je - sus calls us in, out Bear - ing fruit in a shout of joy: Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, sets the tone, Teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share: Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. in word and in Love deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a-gain, God (Im - man - u - el)ev - 'ry - where! earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

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