

# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

November 3, 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

*Prière* Op. 158  
by Camille Saint-Saëns

Andrew Plaisier, cello

*Amazing Grace*  
from Virginia Harmony, arr. Behnke

MS/HS Bells

## 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

## INTROIT

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
by Franz Schubert

Chancel Choir

Holy is the Lord; holy evermore adored; Saints in heaven praise him, gathered round the throne;  
saints on earth adore him, God, the Lord alone.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

John Schneider, Council Member

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

**People: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

Leader: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

**People: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

**ALL: The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 243\*** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

## OPENING PRAYER\*

John Schneider

Holy God, on this day we thank you for those saints who live among us and remember those who have passed away.

We hold tenderly to their memory.

With sorrow we acknowledge our loss.

With joy we celebrate their reunion with you.

We hear the words of Jesus, spoken to a grieving sister,

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

Grant us now a vision for you, a vision of glory. 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

*This Is The Day*

Children’s Choir

by Les Garrett

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

## SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

John Schneider

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 878

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*God’s Dwelling Place at the End of the World*

Rev. Bell Olsson

## HYMN 480\* vs. 1 & 4

*Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

## CALL TO OFFERING

John Schneider

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*And I Saw a New Heaven*

Chancel Choir

by Eric Nelson

Erin Gilbert, violin

Andrew Plaisier, cello

And I saw a new heaven and I saw a new earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

(Revelation 21:1-4)

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Our sacramental elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice)

**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS** (see names on following page)

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

6



God of pow - er and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

10



Ho-san-na in the high - est.

14



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## SHARING COMMUNION

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*O Love*  
by Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir  
Andrew Plaisier, cello

This anthem was purchased with memorial fund from Bill Potts.  
Chancel Choir dedicates today's performance to the memory of Bill Potts.

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

**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 500\*** vs. 1, 2, 4, 8

*For All The Saints*

SINE NOMINE

**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**

*Toccata on SINE NOMINE*  
by John Ferguson

Dr. Brown

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Nancy Armfield	Margaret Donahue	Pamela Kidd	Ron Shippy
Charles Bacon	Rudean Fairman	Julie Laham	Robert H. Skilton III
Aaron Bartman	Raymond Fuller	Larry Melendy	Richard Stiffler
Michaela Barton	Carl Hallman	Grace Orders	Mel VandeGevel
Dale Bensted	David Hammond	William Potts	Doris VanEss
Ronald J. Beuker	Phillip Hertel	Barbara Richardson	Arloa Visser
Jeff Beusse	Bob Holladay	Anne Samuel	Paul Wetherbee
David Britcher	Doug Hoogerhyde	Mary Brace Scharff	
Ryan Currie	Allen Galloway	Doug Schumacher	

# Announcements for November

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

## JOIN CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA & SING ON CANTATA SUNDAY

Wednesdays now through Dec. 4, we 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 Vaughan 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.

Questions? Talk to Julia or Scott

## 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.

## COFFEE HOUR | SUNDAY, NOV. 10

You are invited to join us in celebrating our MCC community! During the service, we welcome Rev. Livingston, preaching and Jonathan Tuuk playing the organ.

## 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/](https://www.meltrotter.org/get-involved/donate-now/immeasurablymore/)



## WELCOME REV. DR. ROBERT "BOB" LIVINGSTON

In Mayflower's interim season, Bob is bringing his church consulting expertise to help us transition well. He will work with church leadership and staff while also serving the church through pastoral care, guest preaching, and special projects in support of the congregation.

Bob will be consulting with Mayflower from November 2024 to May 2025.

# Middle School Retreat

Many thanks to all those who contributed to, helped organize, and chaperoned our youth on their retreat to CranHill Ranch! The weekend was spent building relationships with one another through serving alongside each other at the camp, engaging in fun activities, and exploring all that the camp had to offer.



# Looking Ahead

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

## Today, November 3 - All Saint's Sunday

9am | Next Step Breakfast

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

## NOVEMBER

- 4 Men's Bible Study | 7:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 5pm  
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 5 Breakfast Club | 6:30am  
Needlepoint | 10am  
*CCGR (Chamber Choir)\** | 5pm  
*Mahj in the Mitten\** | 6:30pm
- 6 Priscilla Circle | 12pm  
Midweek | 4pm  
Mayflower Bells | 6pm  
College Essay Writing | 6pm  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm

## College Care Package Thank You

To all those who helped with the college care packages, here is a note received from Susan Orban.

Not sure if you were apart of the college packages but my kids got them yesterday and they were thrilled- especially the girls they were really excited! Thank you-



- 7 *Women's City Club\** | 9:30am  
Women's Bible Study | 10am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm
- 8 Men's Bible Study | 7am  
*Joyful Sounds\** | 9:30am
- 10 Morning Worship | 10:30am  
Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston, *preaching*  
MS/HS Bells | 11:45am  
Elevate | MS 5-6:15pm  
HS 5:45-7pm

## 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"!



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  
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### OVER THE PHONE

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

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](mailto:rachael@mayflowerchurch.org) with any questions.

# 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 recent baptism and new members we welcomed to Mayflower. (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

Pray for **Gwen Wallin** as she has recently had some health complications. (10/29)

**Ann Trost** is experiencing declining health. She had a few falls and has been hospitalized since 10/18. We pray for peace and comfort for Ann at this time. (10/29)

**Wendy Jacobs** had knee surgery on 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 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 THOSE WHO MOURN

**Ron Beuker** passed away on Oct. 26. Pray for his wife **Helen** and daughter **Sarah Von Hof** in your prayers as they mourn his passing. (10/29)

## PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for peace for our country and our upcoming election.

We pray for peace in the Middle East and a de-escalation of violence.

We pray for those suffering amidst war and turmoil all over the world, especially those impacted by conflict in Ukraine and Sudan.

We pray for those affected by natural disasters and by the devastation of climate change. We pray for God's healing hand on our earth.

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## MEAL MINISTRY

We are providing meals for **Wendy Jacobs** for the next 3 weeks as she recovers from knee surgery. Bring by 3pm and put in the cooler by her front door. There are no known food allergies. Reach out to Murry Idema to sign up to prepare a meal.

## Sunday Morning Greeters and Cookies Providers

We want to thank Mayflower groups and committees for providing cookies and greeting us! November is *Worship & Music* and *Children & Youth* month!



### CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

### WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

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

## 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.

THIS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON, WE INVITE YOU TO  
*Come*  
IN THE *Midst of...*

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | 10:30am

- Dec. 1 | In the midst of despair bring HOPE
- Dec. 8 | In the midst of division bring PEACE
- Dec. 15 | In the midst of grief bring JOY
- Dec. 22 | In the midst of apathy bring LOVE
- Dec. 29 | In the midst of change bring SONG
- Jan. 5 | Epiphany

### DECEMBER 8 | CANTATA SUNDAY

Chancel Choir, soloists and GR Symphony musicians perform  
V. Williams - *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*  
and  
J. S. Bach / Kuhnau - *For Us a Child is Born*  
within the context of worship

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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

THE TRIUNE GOD

243 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will

trod, With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing  
 spray, We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the  
 down; Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro -  
 cease, Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the

by the throne of God?  
 hap - py gold - en day.  
 vide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The  
 mel - o - dy of peace.

beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; Gath - er with the

saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

HANSON PLACE  
 8.7.8.7 with Refrain

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

500

For All the Saints

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

*Unison*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
 3. O may Your soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
 8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,  
 Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;  
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;  
 The saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;  
 Through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

Thy name, O Je - sus, be for ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 And win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
 The King of glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

SINE NOMINE  
 10.10.10 with Alleluias