

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 19, 2025 - 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*. **Bold** 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 *Allein Gott in der Höh sei ehr (Glory to God in the Highest)* Dr. Julia Brown
by J. S. Bach

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

COUNCIL UPDATE Kateri Schutt, Moderator

INTROIT *I Was Glad* Chancel Choir
by Larry Visser

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God.

People: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 14 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

OPENING PRAYER* Rev. Dr. Livingston

Leader: Holy One, you demonstrated your power first at a wedding in Cana.

People: You transformed emptiness into abundance.

Leader: We seek your transforming work in our lives,

People: May we feel your power and might and may our emptiness be met with abundance in you.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 751

David Blair

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Anxiety and Abundance

Rev. Bell Olsson

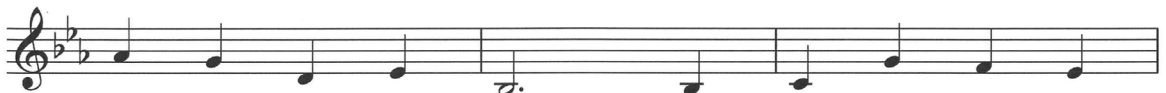
HYMN*

I Have a Dream

REPTON



1. "I have a dream," a man once said, "where
2. But in this world of bit - ter strife the
3. So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but
4. Lord, give us vi - sion, make us strong, help



all is per - fect peace; where men and wo - men,
dream can of - ten fade; re - al - i - ty seems
nev - er be con - tent; for thoughts and words don't
us to do your will; don't let us rest un -



black and white, stand hand in hand, and all u - nite in
dark as night, we catch but glimps - es of the light Christ
ease the pain: un - less there's ac - tion, all is vain; faith
till we see your love through-out hu - man - i - ty u -



free - dom and in love, in free - dom and in love."
sheds on hu - man - kind, Christ sheds on hu - man - kind.
proves it - self in deeds, faith proves it - self in deeds.
-nit - ing us in peace, u - nit - ing us in peace.

Music: H. Hubert Parry, 1888; words: Pamela Pettitt (1954-2005)

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Livingston

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Set Me as a Seal
by René Clausen

Chancel Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

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. Dr. Livingston

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Livingston

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 353*

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Bell Olsson

DISMISSAL*

Rev. Bell Olsson

Leader: You are beloved. May you go forth assured of this, and may God's
love overflow to those you encounter.

People: **We are assured. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Fred Bock

Dr. Brown

Looking Ahead

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

Today, January 19

10:30am | Morning Worship

2pm | *Mozart's Birthday Party** (Atrium)

JANUARY

20 Men's Bible Study | 7:30am

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am

Women's Bible Study | 5pm

Men's Bible Study | 5pm

21 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Needlepoint | 10am

Ladies' Luncheon | 11:30am

January Series LiveStream | 12:30pm

Worship & Music Mtg. | 4pm

*CCGR (Chamber Choir)** | 5pm

**Church office will be closed
Monday, January 20, 2025
in observance of MLK Day.**

22 January Series LiveStream | 12:30pm

Midweek | 4pm

Mayflower Bells | 6pm

*Al Anon** | 7pm

Chancel Choir | 7:30pm

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

Women's Bible Study | 10am

January Series LiveStream | 12:30pm

Bikes and Brewery (Upcycle Bikes) | 6pm

*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

Senior Minister Search Update

Thanks to all who completed our recent survey! We received an overwhelming response with 250+ surveys submitted either through the mail or online. We have compiled the data, and very soon we will be reporting on how this information will be shaping our search process.

Sincerely,

The Mayflower Senior Minister Search Committee

(Chris Edgar, *Co-chair*; Peter Houlihan, *Co-chair*; Janice Yates, *Recording Secretary*; Matthew Dhaseleer; Barbara Gordon; Dave Hathaway; Barbara Hohman; Patrick Miller; Courtney Weiler)

Sanctuary Carpet Information

We excited to share that the carpet in the front of the sanctuary will be removed prior to Sunday Jan. 26 in preparation for full replacement the following week.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mayflower? Please reach out to office@mayflowerchurch.org to share your interest.

THE CHORAL CONNECTION | TODAY | 3PM

The Choral Connection, a local choir directed by Dr. Mark Webb, will be presenting its Christmas in January concert **TODAY at 3pm** at East Congregational Church, 1005 Giddings, SE. Also on the program will be the Capella Choir from Catholic Central H.S., and the East Church Chancel Choir. Admission is free.

CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES

JAN. 21-31 | 12:30PM

We will live-stream the Calvin January Series Monday-Friday in the chapel. **Please note we will not be streaming on 1/20** due to the MLK holiday. For a synopsis of each speaker, visit calvin.edu/january-series/speakers

LADIES' LUNCHEON | JAN. 21 | 11:30AM

Women's luncheon at 11:30am at Charlie's Bar and Grille. 3519 Plainfield Ave. Call Maris to RSVP 616-821-0413

UPCYCLE EVENT: BIKES & BREWERY

JAN. 23 | 6-8PM

Looking for a fun night out? Join us at Upcycle Bikes on the 23rd 6-8pm to learn how to repair bikes, then we will head over to City Built Brewing Company. RSVP to Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org



WORKSHOP | JAN. 26 | 12-2PM

Do you want to help those in crisis, but you are afraid you will say or do the wrong thing? Do you desire to be more deeply connected to the people in your life?

The "How to be a Faithful Friend" workshop will address these questions and more! Please join Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston, Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Betsy Willey and others as we explore how to serve God by being a faithful presence to those we love and care for.

Workshop materials and a light lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION MEETING | FEB. 9

A Confirmation information meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 following the service. Students in 8th grade and older are invited. Reach out to Pastor Ruth with any questions.

INTRODUCING CARING FRIENDS A

MINISTRY OF MAYFLOWER

Caring Friends is the ministry formerly known as Deacons. Contact Murry Idema for more information.

MOZART'S BIRTHDAY CONCERT | TODAY | 2PM

Come celebrate Mozart's 269th birthday with Friends of the Opera at Mayflower Church. Enjoy savory and sweet snacks and a performance by West Michigan voice students. Beverages will also be served. A great event for music lovers of all ages and levels of familiarity with opera.

SAVE THE DATE - ART CAMP | JUNE 9-12

Mark your calendar for Art Camp! Registration is open! mayflowerchurch.org/artcamp

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

Dale and Ellen DeHaan's daughter, **Michelle**, has arrived safely home from her medical mission to Sudan. Their granddaughter, **Rebekah**, will continue to serve there for a couple weeks. (1/14)

We give praise with the family of **Huxley DeCoster** who was baptized 1/12. (1/12)

It is with great joy that **Gary and Gwen Wallin** announce the birth of Neve Alexandra Jones, born to daughter, Carley, and Alex Jones on Dec. 18, 2024. Born 4 weeks early, mama and baby are doing well. (1/9)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for long time member, **Helen Bellows** as she resides in hospice care at Clark on Keller Lake. (1/14)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Rev. Sara A. Fetty, passed away peacefully in her home on Jan. 12. Visitation will be Jan. 24, 3-6pm at Metcalf Funeral Home. Her memorial service will be Jan. 25, 11am at Park Congregational Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Maurice Fetty and family as they mourn her death. (1/14)

Karlene Werner, who participated in Mayflower's Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, died Jan. 2. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Jan. 11 at Mayflower Church. Please pray for her family as they mourn her death. (1/7)

Paula Gaylord, who was a former Christian Ed. director and Bible study leader at Mayflower, passed away on Jan. 1 after a prolonged battle with cancer. We pray for her family as they mourn her death. (1/7)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we remember those who have bravely fought for civil rights and we pray for the continued work in antiracism and efforts to pursue the equality of all people. (1/16)

In honor of our nation's Inauguration Day, we pray for the peaceful transfer of power and we pray for the wisdom and guidance of our country. (1/16)

We pray for a successful cease fire in Gaza and the de-escalation of violence. (1/16)

Pray for the people affected by the wildfires in California. (1/9)

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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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Rachael Cooley, Interim Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care

Amy Dunham, Office Manager | Andy Ely, Business Manager

Abby Brooks, Interim Children & Youth Music Director | Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator

Jana DeShane and David Schellenberg, Facilities Team

THE TRIUNE GOD

14 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566

Trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made, His
 3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I
 4. O ye who name Christ's ho - ly name, Give

God of all cre - a - tion, The God of pow'r, the
 gra - cious mer - cy keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or
 sing a - loud Thy prais - es, That men may hear the
 God all praise and glo - ry; All ye who own His

God of love, The God of our sal - va - tion; With
 eve - ning shade His watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -
 grate - ful song My voice un - wea - ried rais - es; Be
 pow'r, pro - claim A - loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast

heal - ing balm my soul He fills, And ev - 'ry faith - less
 in the king - dom of His might, Lo! all is just and
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y
 each false i - dol from his throne, The Lord is God, and

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

MIT FREUDEN ZART
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THE TRIUNE GOD



mur - mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry.
all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.
bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
He a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - men.

Loving God, our hearts are filled with praise when we contemplate Your wonderful and marvelous works. We cannot contain our gratitude for the unending grace which You bestow upon us. Even when we believe we see the fullness of Your love working in our lives, help us to understand that we are seeing only a glimpse of Your immense capacity for loving Your children.

We praise You for Your mercy and compassion when we face difficulty. We praise You for Your help and guidance when we feel lost and alone. We praise You for Your gentleness when we feel vulnerable. We praise You for Your strength when we feel weak and unsure. For Your greatness surpasses every earthly might, O God, and Your generosity in all things exceeds our expectations. Praise be to You, O God, the source of our deepest joy and the very foundation of our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Lisa Howes

Ancient Irish

Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

Traditional Irish Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

Second verse: "Thou my great Father, till life be done" or "Thy will be done"

Third verse: "nor this world's praise"

SLANE
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