MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP **JUNE 29, 2025 - 10:30am**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates *please stand if you are able.* **Bold** text or music score indicates congregational response.
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.

SILENT MEDITATION

"Some people die at 25 and aren't buried until 75." -Benjamin Franklin

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PRELUDE *In Thee Is Gladness* by J. S. Bach — Jonathan Tuuk, guest organist

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE* — Rev. Dr. Bob Livingston

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH — Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 95) — Sue Stoddard

Leader: We come before you with singing and shouts of joy, O God!
People: You are our Creator and the Rock of our salvation.
Leader: We give you our praise and adoration!
People: May your love reign in our hearts this day!
Leader: Let us worship God together.

OPENING HYMN 22* *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — HYMN TO JOY

OPENING PRAYER (read in unison) Sue Stoddard

Welcoming God, in whose company we find our hope and peace, we come this morning in praise and with joy as we reflect on the wonder of your love and listen for your voice of compassion and care speaking to us. Create a faithful spirit within us that draws us toward you, toward one another, and toward others -- a spirit deep and perceptive, bold and gentle, wise and relevant. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your divine presence, through Christ our friend and redeemer we pray. 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 Galatians 5:22-26 Sue Stoddard

The Spirit however produces in human life fruits such as these: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, tolerance and self-control—and no law exists against any of them. Those who belong to Christ have crucified their old nature with all that it loved and lusted for. If our lives are centered in the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit. (J.B. Phillips Translation)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy* Rev. Dr. Livingston

HYMN* *The Fruit of the Spirit* ASH GROVE

The fruit of the Spirit is love for our sharing,
It's joy in the gospel that we have from you.
It's peace that we live out with courage and daring;
It's patience, for we know that we have sinned, too.
It's kindness in all things and generous giving;
Its faithfulness seeking to follow your way.
It's gentleness, Lord, and it's self-controlled living;
Now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

Music: Traditional Welsh melody; text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, from *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* (2009), used by permission

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Dr. Livingston

OFFERTORY *Zion's Walls* Josh Ledesma, bass
arr. Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers come, sisters and brothers come, Join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion;
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

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 427* *Marching to Zion* MARCHING TO ZION

BENEDICTION* Rev. Dr. Livingston

POSTLUDE *Finale Jubilante* Jonathan Tuuk, guest organist
by Healey Willan

Please join us for Schuil COFFEE coffee in the Atrium after the service. All are Welcome!

Weekly Announcements and Calendar

Mayflower announcements and events are emailed on Monday morning. They can also be found at **MayflowerChurch.org/news**. *For the church calendar of events, visit* **MayflowerChurch.org/events** *for more information.*

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

We are excited to host the children and therapists once again from **CTC (Comprehensive Therapy Center)**. We pray for a safe and loving summer season for all! (6/24)

Dave and Cheryl Blair (grandparents), **Rachel Blair** (aunt) and **Blair and Wes Haddad** (cousins) are delighted to announce the birth of **Marigold Jean Bok** on May 26. Four weeks early, Goldie is healthy at 5lb 10oz. (6/17)

We celebrate the addition of **new members** to our Mayflower church family. (6/17)

We praise God for a **strong and fruitful ministry season** and for an upcoming summer season with guest speakers, fun social events and space for planning an exciting fall launch with expanded programs and opportunities. (6/17)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We ask for prayers for **Coby Martin** who fell and broke his hip. Pray for rehabilitation and healing. (6/23)

Barbara Hoekzema's grandson, **Ted Bush** had surgery on his leg to remove the rod and hardware. They are waiting to find out if the infection is gone. We pray for good results and healing. (6/17)

Sandy VerBeek had total hip replacement surgery on June 5. We pray for her recovery. (6/4)

Susan Lovell continues to heal from a broken pelvis and appreciates the many cards and prayers she has received. (6/4)

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD

We **pray for peace** and nonviolence in the midst of civil unrest.

We pray for **wisdom for global leaders**, that they would seek the greater good of all people, not just the few.

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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, Executive Administrator | Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care
Amy Dunham, Office Manager | Andy Ely, Business Manager
Kristen Van Stee, Communications Coordinator | Jana DeShane and David Schellenberg, Facilities Team

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.

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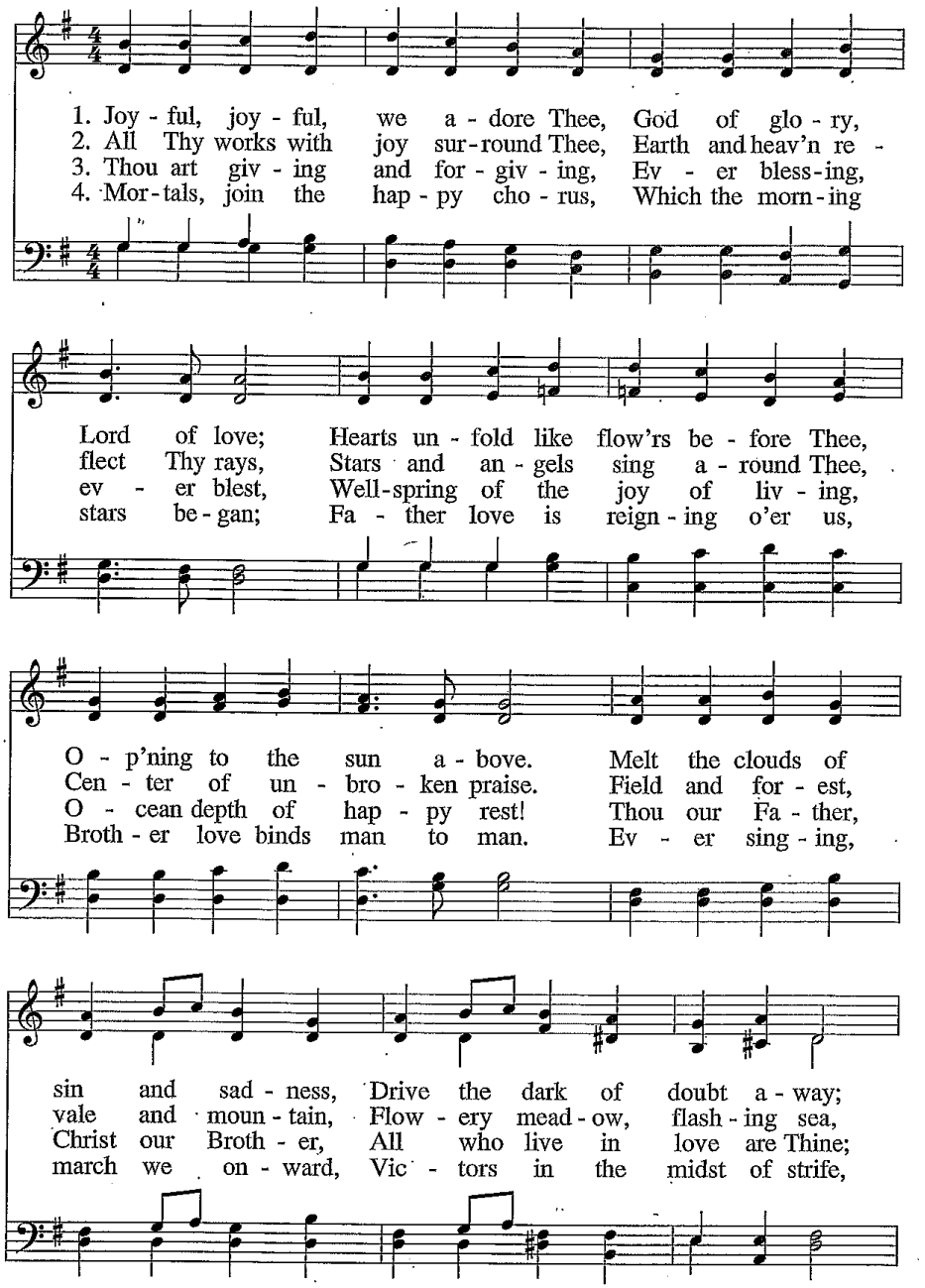
Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933 — Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827



Fourth verse: "*Our God's* love is reigning o'er us,
binding us in one great plan."

HYMN TO JOY
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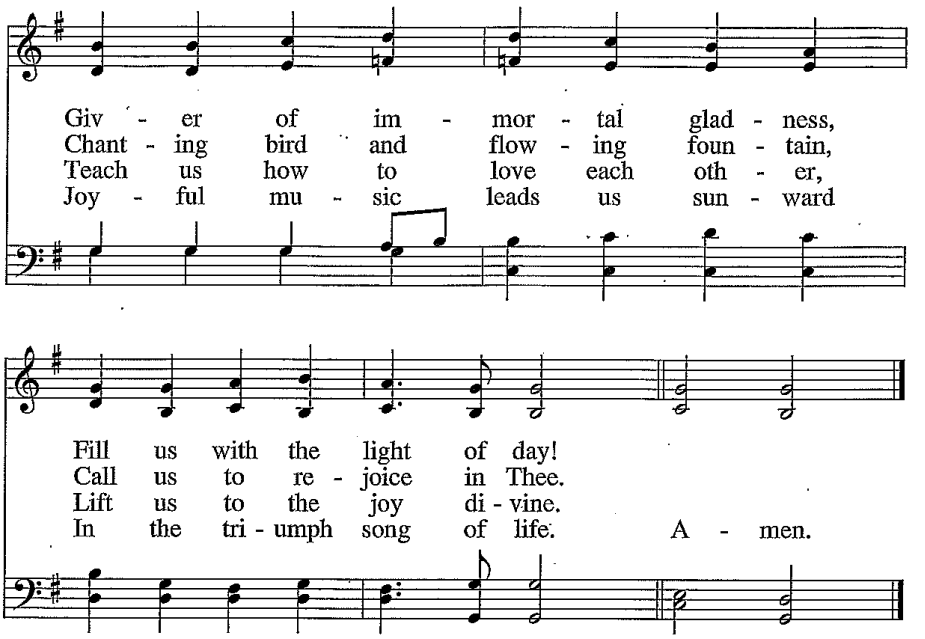


Good and gracious God, we come to You with thanksgiving for all Your many blessings. We are surrounded this day, and every day, with signs of Your truth and power. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to the glory of Your love. We thank You especially for:

The beauty and power of Your creation.
The gift of Christ, who brings peace and life.
The work of Your Holy Spirit, guiding us and bringing us insights to Your will.
The bright faith of new believers, the abiding devotion of Your loyal followers,
and all companions on our journeys of discipleship.
All relationships of love and caring, teaching us of Your love.
The satisfaction of work well done.
Opportunities, courage, and energy to serve You and share Your love.
The ministries of our church, reaching out in faithful service in Your name.
The gifts of our leaders, ministers, teachers, musicians, and administrators.
Each member of our church, created by You in special ways for faith and service.

And for all the particular blessings of this day.

God of joy, our hearts are filled to overflowing with the fullness of Your blessings. Give us the strength, courage, and power to live as You have created us, transformed according to Your holy will. We offer these prayers of praise in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

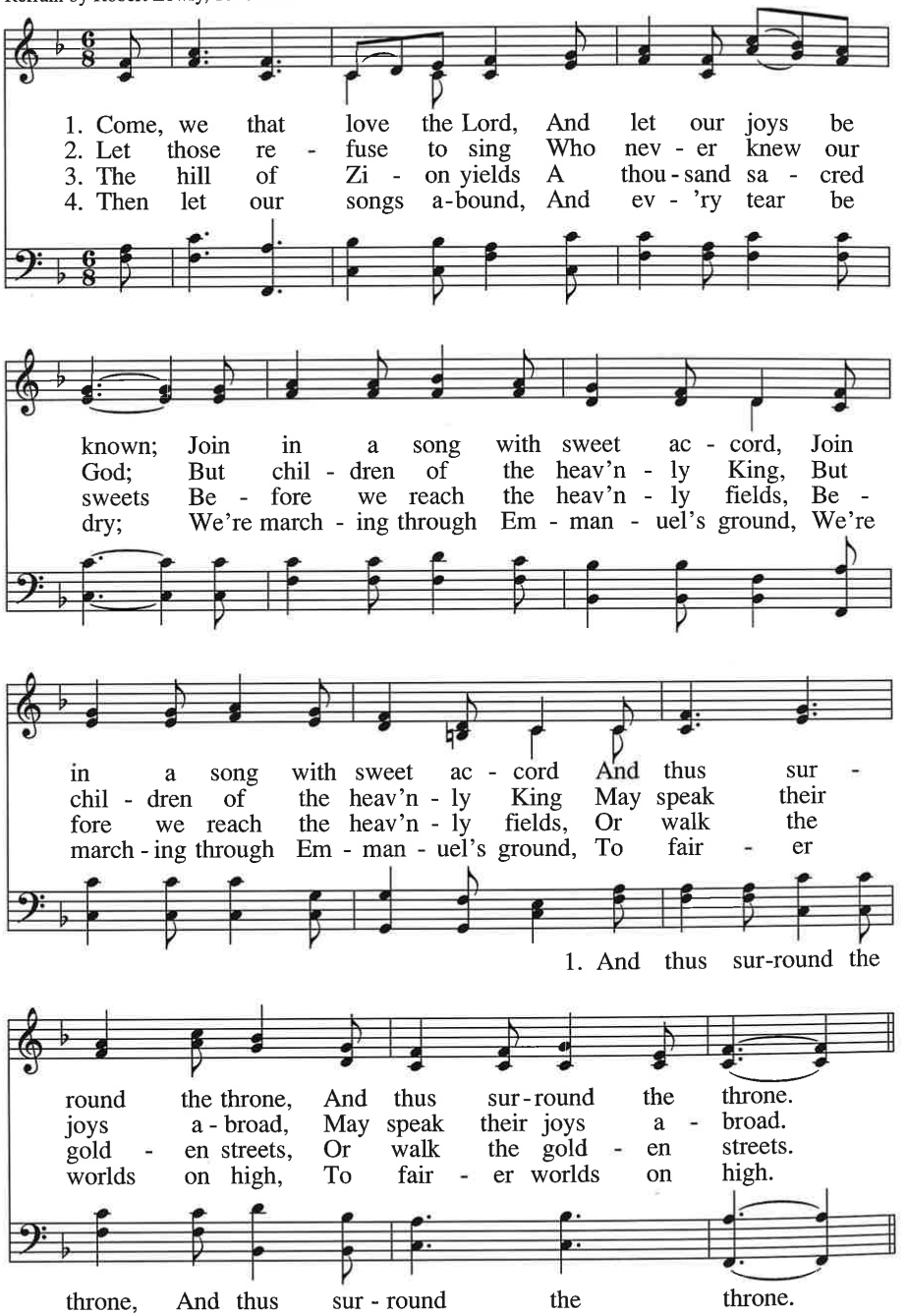
Rev. Susan LeFeber

Praise to God **THE FATHER**

427 Marching to Zion

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Refrain by Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Robert Lowry, 1826–1899



MARCHING TO ZION
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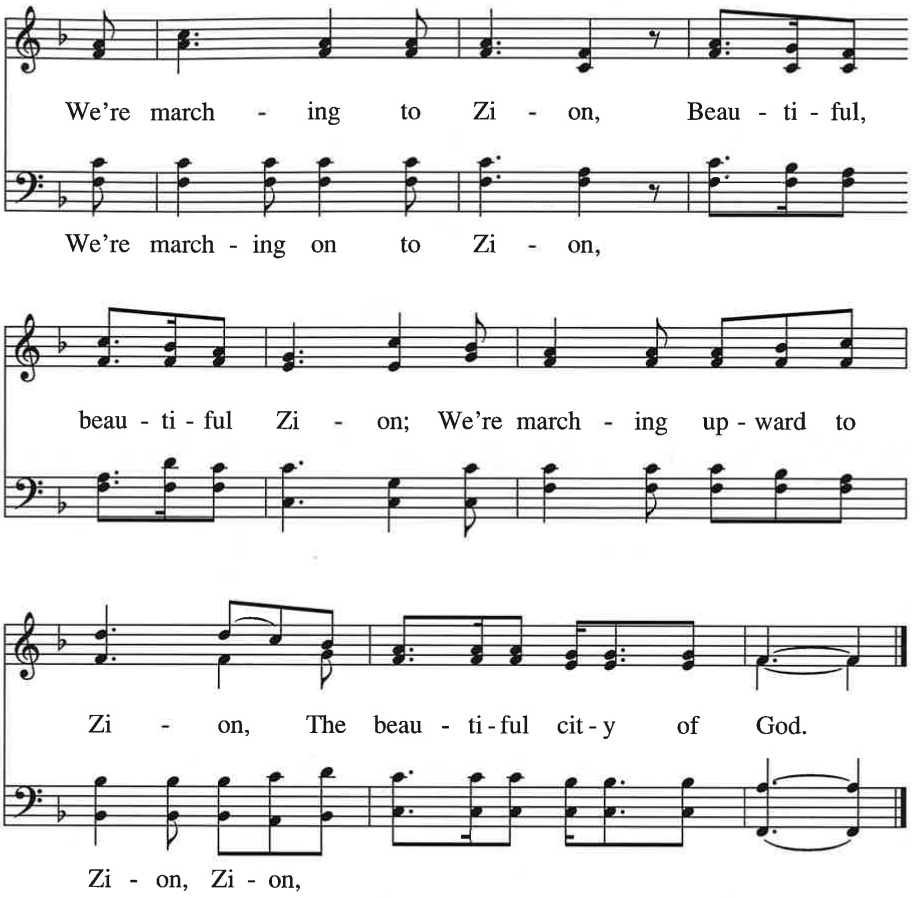

Lord most faithful, in times of trouble we are blessed, knowing You are faithfully present.

When disaster strikes a nation or a community, we have witnessed Your grace through financial aid pouring in from caring peoples, benevolent organizations, and corporations, both foreign and domestic. In the midst of disaster we have seen Your face reflected through the actions of emergency responders and volunteers; they are Your angels. In times of personal tragedy, we see Your love in the outpouring of prayers and unselfish aid given by friends and neighbors. These caring individuals and groups are proof that You are present in our day of trouble. We thank You, praise You, and honor You.

Holy Friend, guide us in such ways that we may be generous in our gifts, in our attitudes, and in our patience. Let our lives give others ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus.

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, You discipline the hearts of Your followers. In the same Spirit, help us to cherish what is right and always rejoice in Your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Karl G. Ostberg