

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

May 3, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 quietly, we invite you to prepare your hearts for worship.

Please silence all devices and be present with us.

If you need to step out, the service is live-streamed in the Chapel.

PRELUDE

Aria

Ed Clifford, saxophone

by Eugene Bozza

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson & Rev. Kent Dobson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Chris Yates, Moderator

INTROIT

Because You Live, O Christ

Chancel Choir

Music from 1685, Amsterdam; words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower,
the shadows of the tomb are flooded with your resurrection power.

The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison! O sing this Eastertide, for Jesus Christ has risen!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 31)

John Schneider

Leader: In you, Holy God, we have taken refuge;

People: let us never be put to shame; deliver us in your righteousness.

Leader: Turn your ear to us, come quickly to our rescue;

People: be our rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save us.

Leader: Since you are our rock and our fortress, for the sake of your name
lead and guide us.

People: Keep us free from the trap that is set for us, for you are our refuge.

Leader: Into your hands we commit our spirit; deliver us, Lord, our faithful God.

All: Let your face shine on us; save us in your unfailing love.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 481 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

(stand as you are able)

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Bell Olsson

GLORIA PATRI (remain standing)

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 14:1-14

Rev. Bell Olsson

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 763

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Living Temple

Rev. Dobson

HYMN 348 (stand as you are able) *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

THE CALL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Bell Olsson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In My Father's House

Chancel Choir

by Philip Stopford

In my Father's house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

Where I am going, you know the way. For I am the way, the truth, and the life;

no one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you also know my Father.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.

I have told you I will come back to you; have faith in me. (from John 14)

DOXOLOGY (stand as you are able)

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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION



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

SHARING COMMUNION

We practice an open table and all are welcome to participate. The feast is for everyone. The ushers will come forward to release you by rows. Take the bread and eat it; take the cup and drink it. You may deposit the cups in the baskets provided. Please return to your seat by the side aisles. You are also welcome to take the elements to your seat and partake when you are ready. If you would like the elements brought to you, signal an usher. Our sacramental elements are gluten free bread and grape juice.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei (Winter's Dream)* by Paul Halley

Chancel Choir
Ed Clifford, saxophone

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis; dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; grant us peace*

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 528 (stand as you are able) *As We Gather at Your Table*

RAQUEL

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dobson

POSTLUDE

Festive Finale
by Malcolm Archer

Dr. Brown

Please join us for coffee and cookies in the Atrium after the service.

If you would like to provide cookies for the Sunday reception, please email Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org

Weekly Calendar

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

Today, May 3

10:30am | Sunday Worship

11:30am | Life Legacy Workshop

THIS WEEK

4 Women's Bible Study | 9:30am
Women's Bible Study | 5pm

5 Breakfast Club | 6:30am
Men's Bible Study | 8am
Needlepoint & Stitching | 10am
*Blood Drive** | 1pm
*Cub Scouts** | 6pm

6 *Garden Club** | 9:30am
Priscilla Circle | 11am
Mayflower Bells | 6:30pm
*Al-Anon** | 7pm

7 *Women's City Club** | 11am
Women's Bible Study | 10am
*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

8 Men's Bible Study | 7am

10 Sunday Worship | 10:30am



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a \$20 Amazon Gift Card as an
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Scholarship Blood Drive **Mayflower Congregational Church**

2345 Robinson Road SE, Grand Rapids

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Annual Meeting | May 17 | after worship

Mayflower Small Groups: *Building Community*

Get plugged into Mayflower, consider joining one of the following small groups. To get involved, contact the church office (616-459-6255 or office@MayflowerChurch.org). These groups meet on a regular basis either at the church, or a restaurant, or someone's home, if noted. For up to date information, check the web calendar.

29UP (For ages 29+)

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship at various locations.

69UP (For ages 69+)

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship at various locations.

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays | 7:30pm

Doubts on Draft

Next meeting: May 21 - Final Meeting until Fall

Have questions about faith, spirituality, the Bible, your own story? Gather with Pastor Kent Dobson over a pint for informal conversation and community.

Grown-ups Gather & Graze (For ages 49+)

Next meeting: May 22 at 5:30pm

Sally and Larry Robson are hosting, 2765 Woodcliff Circle. Bring the usual, appetizer and beverage of choice. Spread the news and invite any adult that would like to join us. We are all inclusive! RSVP to this message or to psienstra@gmail.com.

High School Breakfast Club – Tuesdays | 6:30am

High school students meet at Wolfgang's restaurant for breakfast.

Ladies' Luncheon

Women of all ages and stages gather for a time of food and fellowship at various local restaurants.

LGBTQ Support Circle

4th Thursday of the month | 6pm | Library
Support for parents, grandparents, and friends of LGBTQ. This group is open to any who are seeking community as they support their LGBTQ loved ones.

Mayflower Bells – Wednesdays | 6:30pm

Needlepoint & Stitching – Tuesdays | 10am | Atrium

Priscilla Circle

1st Wednesday of the month | 11am

Next meeting: May 6

The women of Mayflower's Priscilla Circle volunteer and raise funds for causes associated with the church and our community.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Studies

Mondays | 9:30am | Cindy DeBoer

Mondays | 5pm | Helen Bell

Thursdays | 10am | Pastor Steve Armfield

Men's Bible Studies

Mondays | 5pm

Tuesdays | 8am

Fridays | 7am

Partnering Organization Small Groups

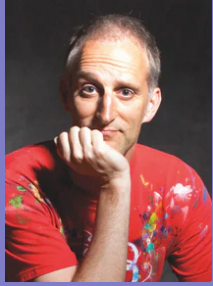
These groups meet at Mayflower on a regular basis.

Al-Anon – Wednesdays | 7pm | Parlor

Boy Scout Troop 271 – Thursdays | 7:30pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesdays | 6pm

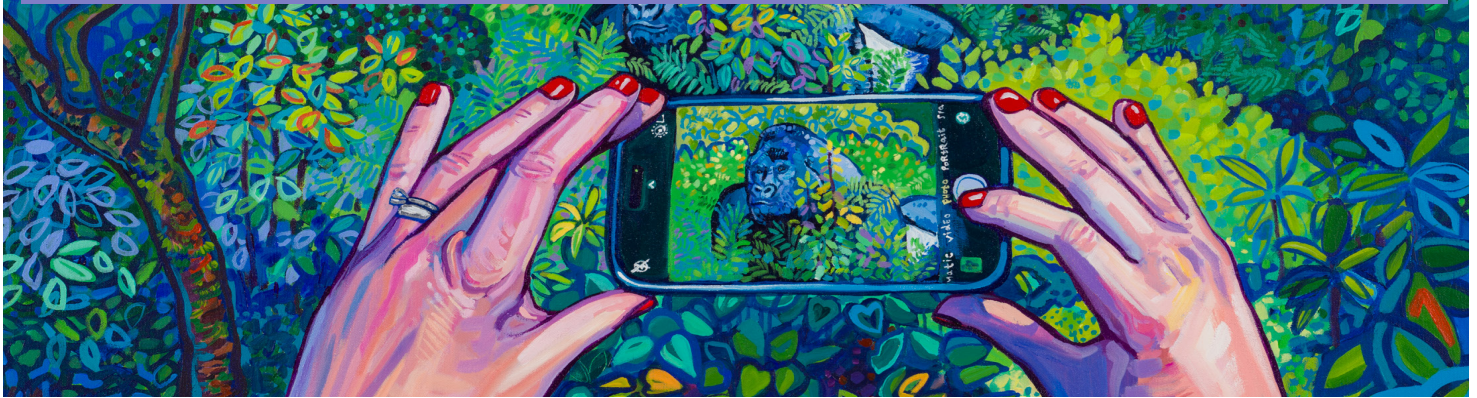
Mayflower ART CAMP!



This year we welcome artist, Joel Schoon-Tanis, to Art Camp! Joel's artwork will be on display at church throughout the week and he will open each day of camp with instruction and a demonstration on the creative process, visual literacy, and faith and art.

JUNE 8-11 | 9am-12pm
REGISTRATION OPEN-\$100/child
Rising Kindergarteners-5th grade

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER TODAY



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: SUMMER YOUTH WILDERNESS TRIP

August 4-8, 2026 | New River Gorge, WV

Float the river, camp on the Appalachian Trail, repel the cliff walls, learn wilderness skills, spiritual practices and experiences, have fun in the wild without modern distractions, seek a deeper more connected life with God and the natural world. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

Registration is open, \$1,000*/participant. Scan the WEST VIRGINIA QR code to sign up.

▶ **OPEN TO YOUTH PARTICIPANTS AGES 12 AND UP**

▶ **OPEN TO ADULT PARTICIPANTS**

*\$100 deposit due at sign-up. Pricing subject to change based on # of participants and fundraising.



WEST VIRGINIA



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This excursion will be led by Pastor Kent Dobson.
Email questions to 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

We celebrate with our **16 high school seniors** on their many accomplishments and the future that lies ahead.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Gary Wallin**. He fell in Florida and is at home recovering. (4/21)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Pray for the Cornetet family, friends of **Doug and Courtenay Oosterman**. The Cornetets have lost both of their parents/grandparents within a matter of a few months. (4/28)

Please pray for Ann Lowrey, friend of **Ray and Susan Lovell**. Ann fell and is recovering at Mary Free Bed. (4/21)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Pray for the Henry family. **Dr. Charles Robert Henry** passed away on April 26. There will be a memorial service at Mayflower on May 16 at 11am with a reception to follow.

Please pray for **David and Cheryl Blair, Rachel Blair, and Blair and Wesley Haddad** as David's mom, **Ruth Blair**, passed away on April 14. There was a service on May 1 at Beacon Hill. (4/15)

Shari Graham's brother in law, Peter Pelotes, passed away on April 9. Pray for his family. (4/15)

We mourn with **Ron Schaver** as his husband, **Jim Meurs**, passed away in Florida on March 26. A memorial was held on April 18. (3/26)

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY & OUR WORLD

As people all over the world celebrate the resurrection we take this as a prayer:

Lord, save us from the war, violence, and strife that plague our world, our country, our community, and our hearts. May we be peace seekers, peace makers, peace builders, and peace lovers today and always. Amen.

Pray for the child of a Mayflower member who was recently deployed to the Middle East.

5 *Let's Celebrate*
SUN. | MAY 17
10:30am



Join us for worship on May 17, as we celebrate and recognize members who have worshipped at Mayflower Church for 50 years or more!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

Your generous gifts ensure Mayflower's current and future ministry. Thank you.

For your convenience we offer 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.

LOOKING UP: A WORKSHOP ON RESILIENCY

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | 11:30AM | CHAPEL



DAVE KAMPFSCHULTE

Join us after worship on Sunday, June 7 for a workshop led by **Dave Kampfschulte**, Director of *Amazing Circles Workshops*, a nationally known speaker, and author of *I'm Dying to Talk with You: Twenty Five Years of Conversations on End of Life Decisions*.

Loss is part of everyday life, but few of us have ever learned how to grieve it or develop the resiliency required to adapt to our loss. Most likely, we were taught how to avoid grieving at any cost! We will discuss and examine the messages our culture sends us on resiliency, grieving, the effects of unresolved grief, and how to grieve in a healthy way. Join us as we explore these topics and share your wisdom as we prepare for what tomorrow will bring.

A light LUNCH will be provided. RSVP the church office 616-459-6255.

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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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Latin, 7th C.

Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem-ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here vouch-safe to all Thy ser-vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, Laud and hon-or

cor-ner-stone, Cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious,
 hosts, to-day! With Thy wont-ed lov-ing kind-ness
 Thee to gain: What they gain from Thee for-ev-er
 to the Son, Laud and hon-or to the Spir-it,

Bind-ing all the Church in one; Ho-ly Zi-on's
 Hear Thy peo-ple as they pray; And Thy full-est
 With the bless-ed to re-tain, And here-af-ter
 Ev-er Three and ev-er One; One in might, and

help for-ev-er, And her con-fi-dence a-lone.
 ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way.
 in Thy glo-ry Ev-er-more with Thee to reign.
 One in glo-ry, While un-end-ing a-ges run. A-men.

REGENT SQUARE
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Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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John 14:6
George Herbert, 1593-1633

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
Adapt. by E. Harold Geer, 1886-1957

Unison

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a way as gives us breath,
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a joy as none can move,

Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a love as none can part,

Such a life as kill - eth death.
Such a strength as makes His guest.
Such a heart as joys in love.

THE CALL
7.7.7

Unison

1. As we gath - er at Your
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us

ta - ble, As we lis - ten to Your word, Help us
 wit - ness In the sac - ra - ment of life; Send us
 sum - mon Oth - er guests to share that feast Where tri -

know, O God, Your pres - ence; Let our hearts and minds be
 forth to love and serve You, Bring - ing peace where there is
 um - phant Love will wel - come Those who had been last and

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry Till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, Your great com - pas - sion To for -
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us Nor will

RAQUEL
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GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

claim it as our own; Teach us through this ho - ly
give as You for - gave; May we still be - hold Your
pride our peace de - stroy, As we join with saints and

ban - quet How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age In the world You died to save.
an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Dear Lord, it is with humble hearts that we come before Your presence to give thanks for the many blessings that You have so freely given to us, Your people. Grant us the insight to recognize these blessings. We ask that each one of us may become Your disciple, showing Your love to others. May Your great love radiate through us to our families, churches and communities. Help us and guide us each day to be more loving in all our relationships. As Christians, may we always follow Your commandment to love one another. Amen.

Lois Rosebrooks