

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 10, 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

On Eagle's Wings
arr. Fred Bock

Dr. Julia Brown, piano

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

John Schneider, Treasurer

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

DC George

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard!

People: God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Leader: Though we have been tested and tried, refined as silver is refined—

People: Though we have passed through fire and water, God has brought us out into a spacious place.

Leader: We come with offerings of thanksgiving, fulfilling the vows we made in times of trouble.

People: We bring our prayers, our praise, our lives.

Leader: Come and hear, all who stand in awe of God, and we will tell what God has done for us.

People: We cried aloud, and God listened; we lifted our voices, and God heard.

Leader: Truly, God has listened—attending to the words of our prayer.

People: Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer nor removed steadfast love from us!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

People: Let us worship with gratitude and joy!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 259 (stand as you are able)

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

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.

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings

Children and Chancel Choirs

by Michael Joncas, arr. Douglas Wagner

Words may be found in the hymnal #385

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

Rev. Dobson

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 785

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Love and Idols

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 226

Spirit of the Living God

IVERSON

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

No Greater Love
by John Ireland

Chancel Choir
Erin Gilbert, soprano;
Ryan Potts, tenor

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in
His own Body on the tree, That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable
unto God, which is your honorable service.

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Bell Olsson

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 291 (stand as you are able) *God Made from One Blood*

ST. DENIO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bell Olsson

POSTLUDE

On Eagle's Wings
by Charles Callahan

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 10

10:30am | Sunday Worship

THIS WEEK

- 11 Women's Bible Study | 9:30am
Men's Bible Study | 5pm
- 12 Breakfast Club | 6:30am
Men's Bible Study | 8am
Needlepoint & Stitching | 10am
*Cub Scouts** | 6pm
- 13 Mayflower Bells | 6pm
*Al-Anon** | 7pm
- 14 *Women's City Club** | 11am
Women's Bible Study | 10am
*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm
- 15 Men's Bible Study | 7am
- 17 Sunday Worship | 10:30am
Annual Meeting | 11:30am

Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys

A Place Where God's Song Finds its Voice in Us

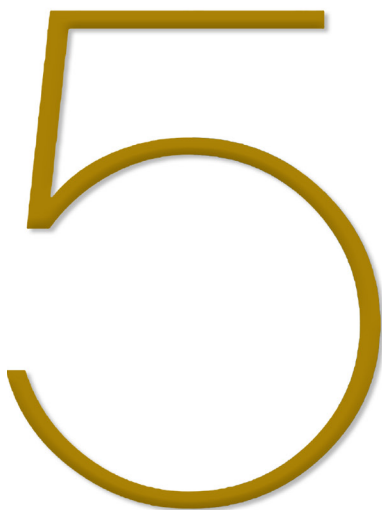


Two very special performances in the life of our choir, marking the conclusion of Scott Bosscher's 25 years of leadership.

Saturday May 16 @ 7 pm
Sunday May 17 @ 3 pm

Basilica of St Adalbert
654 Davis Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

No Tickets Necessary



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!

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). *Many small groups will resume in the fall, please check the events calendar on the website for up-to-date schedules and fall kick-off information.*

29UP (For ages 29+)

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

69UP (For ages 69+)

*Next meeting: June 18 from 5:30-7pm
Lovell Hand & Orthopedic Center*

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

Chancel Choir *Resumes in the Fall*

Doubts on Draft

Next meeting: May 21 at 5pm - Final meeting until Fall

Have questions about faith, spirituality, the Bible, your own story? Gather with Pastor Kent Dobson at Vivant Brewery for informal conversation and community.

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

Next meeting: May 22 at 5:30pm at the Robson's, 2765 Woodcliff Circle

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice. RSVP to psienstra@gmail.com

High School Breakfast Club *Last meeting: May 26*

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

Ladies' Luncheon

Next meeting: May 19 at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 3445 28th St., SE

Women of all ages and stages gather for a time of food and fellowship at various local restaurants. RSVP Maris Rosema 616-821-0413 or Shirley VanderWilt 616-648-8848.

LGBTQ Support Circle *Resumes at a later date*

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 *Last practice: May 13*

Needlepoint & Stitching *Last meeting: May 26*

Priscilla Circle *Resumes in the Fall*

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

Last meeting: May 12

Mondays | 5pm | Helen Bell *Resumes in the Fall*

Thursdays | 10am | Pastor Steve Armfield

Resumes in the Fall

Men's Bible Studies

Mondays | 5pm *Last meeting: May 18*

Tuesdays | 8am *Ongoing*

Fridays | 7am *Ongoing*

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



We're so excited for high school seniors, Emily and Catherine as they begin this next adventure! Thank you for singing in the choir today for Mothers Day!

LOOKING UP: A WORKSHOP ON GRIEF & 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.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: SUMMER YOUTH WILDERNESS TRIP

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

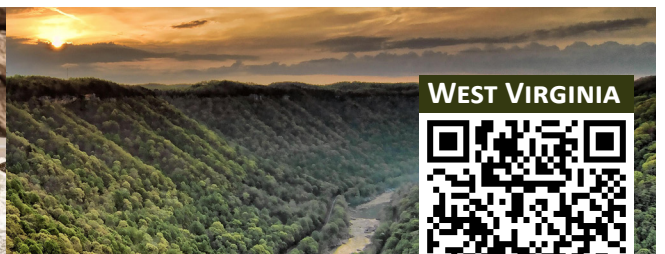
Float the river, camp on the Appalachian Trail, rappel the cliff walls, learn wilderness skills, spiritual practices and experiences, have fun in the wild without modern distractions, seek a deeper more connected life with God and the natural world. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

Registration is open, \$1,000*/participant. There will be a fundraiser to help offset the registration cost. 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

We pray for **Harold Montgomery** who had heart surgery on May 5. The surgery went well and he is recovering. (5/7)

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. (4/30)

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)

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY & OUR WORLD

On this Mother's Day let us remember the mothers. *We pray that God will fill mothers around our country and world with joy today. May they be strengthened in their faith in God's promises and reminded that they are held in the palm of the hand of the Almighty. May hope anchor their hearts in difficult seasons and bring peace to their spirits as they trust in the unfailing love of the Creator. Amen.*



Thank you to the Women's Bible Study for making lasagnas!



We are so proud of high school seniors, Kelly, Chloe and Mady! They have worked with our kids on Sundays and Wednesdays and bring fun and joy everywhere they go! Blessings in this next chapter. Come back and see us when you're home!

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.

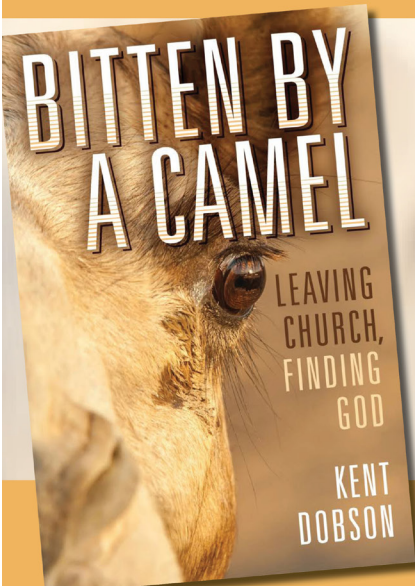


TEXT TO GIVE

On your phone, simply text the word: **GIVE** To: 6163446255 (no spaces) and then follow the prompts.

ROBINSON ROAD WRITERS PRESENTS:

A BOOK TALK WITH KENT | MAY 31 FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP



Join Rev. Kent Dobson as he shares about his book, **Bitten by a Camel: Leaving Church, Finding God.** We'll meet in the chapel following morning worship.



Books available to borrow. See Rachael Cooley at the welcome table.

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Brennen Kartes, Director of Midweek Bells | Aaron Wheeler, Children's Choir Accompanist

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872
 Arr. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For Your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
 6. For Your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, Off - 'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,

O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

You we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

DIX
 7.7.7.7.7

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Spirit of the Living God

St. 1, Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977
Sts. 2, 3, Lowell Alexander, 1963-

Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,
 2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,
 3. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, Cast out my fear,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.
 Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me.
 Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, Cast out my fear.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
 Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
 Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,
 Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,
 Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, Cast out my fear,

IVERSON
7.5.7.5.8.7.5

God Made from One Blood

Thomas H. Troeger, 1945-

Welsh Hymn



1. God made from one blood all the fam - 'lies of earth,
 2. We turn to You, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3. We learn through our fam - 'lies how close - ness and trust
 4. Give, Lord, to each fam - 'ly in con - flict and storm
 5. Then wid - en that wis - dom and grace to in - clude



The cir - cles of nur - ture that raised us from birth,
 For all of the fam - 'lies we've known through the years,
 In - crease when our ac - tions are lov - ing and just.
 A sense of Your wis - dom and grace that trans - form
 The rac - es and view-points our fam - 'lies ex - clude



Com - pan - ions who join us to walk through each stage
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - 'lies have al - so dis - tort - ed their roles,
 Sharp an - ger to in - sight which strength - ens the heart
 Till peace in each home bears and nur - tures the bud



Of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 Of par - ent and part - ner and room - mate and friend.
 Mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruis - ing their souls.
 And makes clear the place where re - build - ing can start.
 Of peace shared by all You have made from one blood.



