

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 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

Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)
by Wilbur Held

Dr. Julia Brown

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

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit
Plainsong melody

Quartet

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death;
come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire.
From inner strife grant us release; turn nations to the ways of peace.

To fuller life your people bring that as one body we may sing:

Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, and to the Holy Spirit: God the Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clay S.

Leader: After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the disciples and said:

People: **"Peace be with you!"**

Leader: Then he showed them his hands and side and said:

People: **"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."**

Leader: And with that he breathed on them and said:

People: **"Receive the Holy Spirit."**

All: **Come let us worship in the Spirit of the living Christ!**

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Build up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim journ - ey
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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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

Acts 2:1-13

Rev. Bell Olsson

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 771

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON	<i>Dividing Wall of Hostility</i>	Rev. Dobson
HYMN 223	<i>Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers</i>	NUN DANKET ALL
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Bell Olsson
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>Wade in the Water</i> arr. Mark Hayes	Quartet
Text for this anthem may be found in the hymnal #512		
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.	
LORD'S PRAYER (remain standing)	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.	
A BLESSING FOR PENTECOST DAY	<i>What the Fire Gives</i> by Jan Richardson	Rev. Bell Olsson
HYMN 239 (stand as you are able)	<i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i>	SPIRIT
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dobson
POSTLUDE	<i>Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)</i> by Larry Visser	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

The altar flowers are placed in memory of those who died while serving in the military.

Today's Quartet from Chancel Choir is
Ryan Potts, Daniel Michaud, Daniel Weinrick, and Joshua Ledesma

Weekly Calendar

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

Today, May 24

10:30am | Morning Worship

THIS WEEK

25 Men's Bible Study | 5pm

26 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Men's Bible Study | 8am

Needlepoint & Stitching | 10am

*Cub Scouts** | 6pm

27 *Al-Anon** | 7pm

Chancel Choir | 7pm

28 *Women's City Club** | 11am

Women's Bible Study | 10am

*Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

29 Men's Bible Study | 7am

31 Sunday Worship | 10:30am

Robinson Road Writers | 11:45am

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 31, 2026



SCOTT BOSSCHER, Chancel Choir Director, to retire at the end of the choir season

Mayflower has been blessed with Scott's expertise, musicianship, and deep spirituality as he led our Chancel Choir for the past seven years. We are grateful for all he has given and taught us during his tenure. Scott and Jane are members at Mayflower and plan to stay and continue to be involved in the life of our church.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate Scott on Sunday, May 31.

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

Resumes in the 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+)

Adults gather for a time of food and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice.

High School Breakfast Club *Resumes in the Fall*

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 *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 *Resumes in the Fall*

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

Resumes in the Fall

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

Thursdays | 10am | Pastor Steve Armfield

Resumes in the Fall

Men's Bible Studies

Mondays | 5pm *Resumes in the Fall*

Tuesdays | 8am *Ongoing*

Fridays | 7am *Ongoing*

Partnering Organization Small Groups

These groups meet at Mayflower on a regular basis.

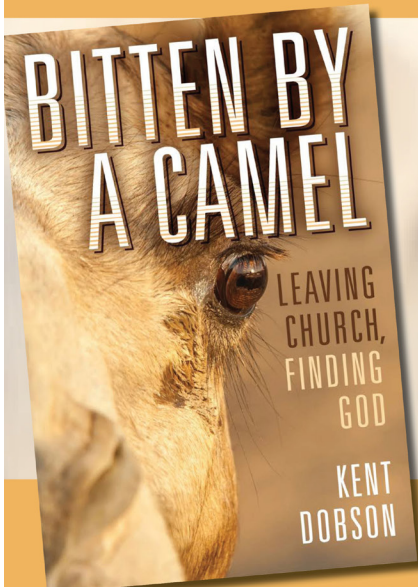
Al-Anon – Wednesdays | 7pm | Parlor

Boy Scout Troop 271 – Thursdays | 7:30pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesdays | 6pm

Daughters of the American Revolution – 2nd
Saturday of the month | 9:30am

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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Robinson Road
WRITERS

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.

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 **Ila Flo Barfuss** in turning 95 years old last week. She is thankful for all those who congratulated and celebrated her.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Maris Rosema as she is struggling with severe sciatica and back issues. (5/19)

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

Prayers for Jon, nephew of **Rod and Barb Taber**, for healing from his addiction. (5/19)

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

Please pray for **Art and Marilyn Emery** as they mourn the death of their friend, Dave Lorah. Dave had leukemia and passed away on May 17. (5/19)

Pray for the Henry family. **Dr. Charles Robert Henry** passed away on April 26. There was a memorial service at Mayflower on May 16. (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 THE WORLD

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and honor those who have dedicated their lives in service to our country.

We acknowledge lives lost in combat and pray for comfort for all who mourn.

As Jesus taught us to be peace makers and peace seekers, we never stop praying for peace both in our country and in our world.

Amen.

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For your convenience we offer electronic giving options:



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

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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.

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

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Andrew Reed, 1787-1862

Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this
 2. Come as the fire, and purge our hearts Like sac - ri -
 3. Come as the dove, and spread Thy wings, The wings of
 4. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this

house Thy home; De - scend with all Thy
 fi - cial flame; Let our whole soul an
 peace - ful love, And let Thy Church on
 world Thy home; De - scend with all Thy

gra - cious pow'rs, O come, great Spir - it, come!
 of - f'ring be To our Re - deem - er's name.
 earth be - come Blest as the Church a - bove.
 gra - cious pow'rs, O come, great Spir - it, come! A - men.

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THE TRIUNE GOD

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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1940-
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James K. Manley, 1940-

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E A D

wil - der - ness call - ing and free; Spir -

G A D Bm

it, Spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,

G A7 D G D

wind, wind on the sea.

Verses D G A G D

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the deep,
 2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the sand
 3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a hill,
 4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient schemes.

THE TRIUNE GOD

A D Bm

Then You coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 And You goad - ed Your peo - ple with a
 Then You whis - pered in si - lence when the
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the

E A D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons You
 law and a land; And when they were blind - ed with
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y You
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D Bm

called to each thing: "A - wake from your
 i - dols and lies, Then You spoke through Your
 called once a - gain, When You blew through Your
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de -

Gmaj7 Em7 A7 D D.C.

slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 ci - sions Your peo - ple a - rise.