

# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 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

*Variations on Nicaea*  
by Piet Post

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
by Franz Schubert

Chancel Choir

Holy is the Lord; holy, evermore adored; Saints in heaven praise him, gathered round the throne;  
Saints on earth adore him, God, the Lord alone.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Robin Dhaseleer

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **Your glory shines beyond the heavens.**

Leader: When we consider the moon and stars, the work of your fingers—

People: **We wonder: Who are we that you remember us?**

Leader: Yet you have crowned humanity with honor and dignity.

People: **You have called us to tend and care for your creation.**

Leader: The creatures of field and forest, birds of the air and fish of the sea—

People: **All belong within your great mystery and love.**

Leader: In wonder, we gather.

People: **In gratitude, we worship.**

All: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 243** (stand as you are able)

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

**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**

*Praise*

Chancel Choir

music by George Dyson; words by George Herbert

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King! The Heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. The Church with psalms must  
shout, No door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rachael Cooley

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Bell Olsson

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 706

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*With You Always*

Rev. Bell Olsson

**HYMN 242**

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

PARK STREET

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Dobson

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*I Was Glad*

Chancel Choir

by H. Hubert Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. (Psalm 122, 1-3, 6, 7)

**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. Dobson

**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.**

**HYMN 295** (stand as you are able) *When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified*

ENGLEBERG

## CELEBRATING SCOTT'S MINISTRY

Shari Graham and Julia Brown

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God Be in My Head*

Chancel Choir

Music by Walford Davies; Words from Sarum Primer (1558)

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

## POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

Dr. Brown

by Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Please join us for donuts in the Atrium following the service as we celebrate Scott Bosscher's retirement.

If you would like to provide treats for the Sunday reception,  
please email [Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org](mailto:Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org)

The altar flowers are placed in celebration of Scott Bosscher's seven years of music ministry at Mayflower and in gratitude for all who participate in our music program.

We welcome Jonathan Tuuk as our guest organist on June 7 and 14.

# 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](mailto:office@mayflowerchurch.org).) Prayer Cards are also in the pews and collected during Sunday morning services.

### PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE

We celebrate with **Scott and Jane Bosscher** in Scott's retirement. (5/31)

### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Mary Newton** who is having knee surgery June 3 and then will face having neck surgery after that. (5/26)

**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)

### PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

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

### 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)

### PRAY FOR THE WORLD

We pray for peace to rain down on the Middle East.

We pray for those affected by Ebola in East Africa.

We pray for those in Ukraine, weary from the ongoing war and conflict.

We pray for those in Cuba lacking basic resources.

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### TEXT TO GIVE

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

## Weekly Calendar

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

### Today, May 31

10:30am | Morning Worship

11:45am | Robinson Road Writers Book Talk

### June

**2** Men's Bible Study | 8am  
Outreach Mtg. | 12pm  
*Cub Scouts\** | 6pm

**3** *Garden Club\** | 9:30am  
*Al-Anon\** | 7pm

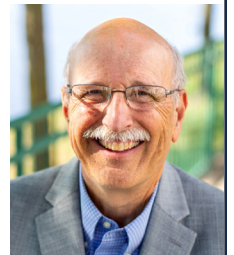
**4** *Women's City Club\** | 11am  
*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm

**5** Men's Bible Study | 7am

**7** Communion Sunday | 10:30am  
Workshop on Grief & Resiliency | 11:30am

### LOOKING UP: A Workshop on Grief & Resiliency NEXT SUNDAY | 11:30AM | Chapel

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



Dave Kampfschulte

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. 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. (A light lunch will be provided, please RSVP to church office.)

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Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director | Dr. Mark Webb and Melia Colwell, Midweek Choir Directors

**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.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,  
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

NICAEA  
11.12.12.10

## Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

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Based on the writings of Julian of Norwich, 15th C.  
Jean Janzen, 1933-

H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

1. Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth In the bright  
 2. Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, Of - fer - ing  
 3. Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, In arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of  
 me your food of light, Grain of life, and  
 pa - tience hold me close, So that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, You are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
 grape of love, Your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
 root and grow Un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

You are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
 Your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
 Un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

PARK STREET  
8.8.8.8.8

*Unison*

1. When, in our mu - sic, God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3. So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5. Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
 A new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
 In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
 When ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light?  
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
 Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:  
 Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight:  
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

1.-4. Al - le - lu - ia!      5. Al - le - lu - ia!