

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 21, 2026

MAYFLOWER SUMMER SERIES: Journey Through Genesis

This summer we will sing, study, reflect, and pray through the first book of the Bible. We'll begin each week with a liturgical call to worship based on the Creation Story, and the sermon will explore the major stories as they unfold in Genesis.

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

PRELUDE

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Ellen Johnson, piano

arr. Faye López

Give Me Jesus

arr. Faye López

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Schneider

Leader: In the beginning...

People: God created the heavens and the earth, and called forth life from the soil.

Leader: And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation."

People: And the earth brought forth life.

Leader: Seed and fruit and every green thing appeared.

People: And God saw that it was good.

OPENING HYMN 14 (stand as you are able)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

Bold text or music score indicates congregational response.

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

Genesis 21:8-21
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 14

Rev. Dobson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God Hears

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 27, vs. 1, 2, 4 (stand as you are able)

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I'll Walk with God (from Student Prince)* Vivian Reed, soprano
by Nicholas Brodsky

I'll walk with God from this day on, His helping hand, I'll lean upon;
This is my prayer, my humble plea, may the Lord be ever with me?

There is no death, though eyes grow dim, there is no fear when I'm near to Him.

I'll lean on Him forever and He'll forsake me never.

He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along; I'll walk with God, I'll take His hand, I'll talk with God, He'll understand; I'll pray to Him, each day to Him, and He'll hear the words that I say.

His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God!

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

This morning we are pleased to baptize **Grace Pennington**.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

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 432 (stand as you are able) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bell Olsson

POSTLUDE

CWM RHONDDA

Dr. Julia Brown

by Paul Manz

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

If you would like to provide treats for the Sunday reception,
please email 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 give praise as **Ann and Don Kelley** celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 16. (6/1)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Mary Newton** who had knee surgery June 3 and is also recovering from neck surgery. (5/26)

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

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 the VerMeulen family. **Carol VerMeulen** passed away on June 13. A visitation will be at Mayflower on July 17 at 10am with a memorial following at 11am. (6/16)

We pray for **Mary Barr** and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband, **Lon Barr**. Lon passed away on June 5. A memorial was held at Mayflower on June 20. (6/8)

We pray for for the family of **Heidi Hertel**, long-time Children's Choir Director of Mayflower Church, who passed on May 22 in Morocco. (5/26)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...God proclaimed them *good*.

As we pray for our world, let us pray with the heart of God. God loves the world God created and all of us who live in it. All of us. God desires peace, harmony and unity for God's people. May we be participants in bringing heaven to earth today and always. Amen.

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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, June 21

10:30am | Morning Worship

JUNE

23 Men's Bible Study | 8am

24 *Al-Anon** | 7pm

25 *Boy Scouts** | 6:30pm

26 Men's Bible Study | 7am

28 Morning Worship | 10:30am

30 Men's Bible Study | 8am

Mayflower Mobile Food Pantry | 5pm

JULY

1 *Al-Anon** | 7pm

3 Independence Day Observed | Office Closed
Men's Bible Study | 7am

4 **Independence Day**

5 Communion Sunday | 10:30am

6 Independence Day Observed | Office Closed

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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.

THE TRIUNE GOD

14 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Johann J. Schütz, 1640-1690

Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, 1566

Trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1812-1897

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made, His
 3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I
 4. O ye who name Christ's ho - ly name, Give

God of all cre - a - tion, The God of pow'r, the
 gra - cious mer - cy keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or
 sing a - loud Thy prais - es, That men may hear the
 God all praise and glo - ry; All ye who own His

God of love, The God of our sal - va - tion; With
 eve - ning shade His watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -
 grate - ful song My voice un - wea - ried rais - es; Be
 pow'r, pro - claim A - loud the won - drous sto - ry! Cast

heal - ing balm my soul He fills, And ev - 'ry faith - less
 in the king - dom of His might, Lo! all is just and
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y
 each false i - dol from his throne, The Lord is God, and

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

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THE TRIUNE GOD



mur-mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry.
all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.
bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
He a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - men.

Loving God, our hearts are filled with praise when we contemplate Your wonderful and marvelous works. We cannot contain our gratitude for the unending grace which You bestow upon us. Even when we believe we see the fullness of Your love working in our lives, help us to understand that we are seeing only a glimpse of Your immense capacity for loving Your children.

We praise You for Your mercy and compassion when we face difficulty. We praise You for Your help and guidance when we feel lost and alone. We praise You for Your gentleness when we feel vulnerable. We praise You for Your strength when we feel weak and unsure. For Your greatness surpasses every earthly might, O God, and Your generosity in all things exceeds our expectations. Praise be to You, O God, the source of our deepest joy and the very foundation of our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Lisa Howes

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989

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1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -

won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
 wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
 spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
 ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

11.10.11.10 with Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou
 art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Our gracious heavenly Father,
 You are great.
 You are greater than all our wants.
 Nothing we desire compares with You.

You have been great in Your acts of creation, bringing the world into being.
 You have been great in Your workings through the people of Israel,
 establishing the old covenants and delivering Your people from bondage.
 You have been great in sending us Your Son Jesus Christ,
 who lived a sinless life,
 died a painful death,
 rose from the grave,
 abides with the Church at present,
 and will return again someday.

Your greatness is visible all around us in our lives,
 in the prayers You answer,
 and in the beauty of the created world we see.

We praise You and honor You,
 praying in the name of Jesus Christ,
 the One we follow in this life, who leads us to life eternal.
 Amen.

Pastor Andrew McHenry

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams, 1717-1791

John Hughes, 1873-1932

Trans. by Peter Williams, 1722-1796, and others

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es,

bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no more,
 strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield,
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to Thee,

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Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ever give to Thee. A - men.

O God of love, of life and light, and of truth, hear our prayer for Your guidance and direction in our daily lives. We hunger for a personal, reciprocal relationship with You so that we may fulfill Your will for us and become everything that You meant each of us to be. Fill us with Your Spirit—for without it we are empty—and renew a right attitude within us.

Our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and we ask for Your infinite mercy and amazing grace. Too often we have denied You in our human weakness. Forgive us and give us strength in our personal lives to overcome that which we must.

O God, we thank You for loving us even when we are the most unlovable. Help us in our striving love more like You: unconditionally. When confronted with a choice, may we constantly ask ourselves the question, “What would Jesus do?” Help us to be more conscious of the needs of others.

Guide us in our efforts, that we may achieve Your way of more abundant, fulfilled living. May Your will be done, and may we accept it. May we humbly ask, “What are Your plans for today, Lord? May we be a part of them?”

Amen.

Rev. Sandy Freud