MAYFLOWER
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP **June 28, 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.

PRELUDE *Prière a Notre Dame* from *Suite Gothique* by Léon Boëllman — Dr. Julia Brown

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE — Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH — Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP — Chris Yates

Leader: In the beginning…
People: God created the heavens and the earth, and filled the heavens with light.
Leader: And God made the greater light for the day
People: And the lesser light for the night.
Leader: God set the stars in the heavens.
People: The heavens declare the glory of God.

OPENING HYMN 37 (stand as you are able)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — ST. DENIO

Bold text or music score indicates congregational response.

OPENING PRAYER (based on Psalm 13) Chris Yates

We gather today to worship and give thanks. Open our hearts through song, scripture, and prayer. Remember us, oh Lord. Give light to our eyes when we fail to see you. May we trust in your unfailing love, and rejoice in your salvation. Let us sing to the Lord for he has been good. Amen.

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 Gen 22:1-14 Chris Yates
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Sacrifice* Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 372 (stand as you are able) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Bell Olsson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Consider the Lilies of the Field* Melissa Blanchard, alto
by Roger Hoffman, arr. Laurence Lyon

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. Consider the birds in the sky, how they fly.
He clothes the lilies of the field. He feeds the birds in the sky, and he will feed those who trust him and guide them with His eye. Consider the sheep of his fold, how they follow where he leads. Though the path may wind across the mountains, He knows the meadows where they feed.

Consider the sweet, tender children who must suffer on this earth. The pains of all of them he carried from the day of his birth. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the lambs in His fold, and he will heal those who trust him, and make their hearts as gold. (based on Matt 6:28)

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 (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 579 (stand as you are able) *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION Rev. Bell Olsson

POSTLUDE *Concerto del Signor Torelli* Dr. Julia Brown
by J. G. Walther

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)

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)

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.

*Prayer requests were printed June 18. Any updates will be announced during the service.

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Weekly Calendar

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

Today, June 28

10:30am | Morning Worship

JUNE

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.

37 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Welsh Hymn



ST. DENIO
11.11.11.11

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 372

Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 — Arr. from Robert A. Schumann, 1810–1856



CANONBURY
LM

Obedience and Commitment **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

579 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Attr. to John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Sicilian Melody
Tattersall's *Psalmody*, 1794



SICILIAN MARINERS
8.7.8.7.8.7

Dismissal