

# MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

June 7, 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

*Voluntary in C* Jonathan Tuuk, guest organist  
by Maurice Greene

### 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

Janice Yates

Leader: In the beginning...

**People: God created the heavens and the earth, and the Spirit of God moved over the waters.**

Leader: God separated the light from the darkness.

**People: And called forth a new day.**

Leader: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**People: We gather to worship the One who brings light out of chaos.**

**OPENING HYMN 24** (stand as you are able) *The God of Abraham Praise*

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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**

Genesis 12:1-9  
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 8

Janice Yates

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Leave What You Know*

Rev. Dobson

**HYMN 437** (stand as you are able) *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

HE LEADETH ME

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Bell Olsson

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*The Lord is My Light*  
by Frances Allitsen

Anne Marie Church, soprano

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though a host should encamp against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:  
Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident  
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:  
Yea, in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; and set me on the rock  
(based on Psalm 27)

**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.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We practice an open table and all are welcome to participate. The feast is for everyone.  
The ushers will come forward to release you by rows. Take the bread and eat it; take the cup and drink it.  
You may deposit the cups in the baskets provided. Please return to your seat by the side aisles. You are also  
welcome to take the elements to your seat and partake when you are ready. If you would like the elements  
brought to you, signal an usher. Our sacramental elements are gluten free bread and grape juice.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
arr. Edward Boatner

Anne Marie Church, soprano

Text may be found in the hymnal #433

## 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 74** (stand as you are able) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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## BENEDICTION

Rev. Dobson

**POSTLUDE** *Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)*

Jonathan Tuuk

by Benedetto Marcello

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**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](mailto:Rachael@MayflowerChurch.org)

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We welcome back Jonathan Tuuk as our guest organist on June 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 give praise as **Ann and Don Kelley** celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 16. (6/1)

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)

### 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

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)

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 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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pay directly through  
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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 7

10:30am | Morning Worship

11:30 | Workshop on Grief and Resiliency

## JUNE

**8** Art Camp | 9am

**9** Men's Bible Study | 8am

Art Camp | 9am

Worship & Music | 4pm

*Cub Scouts\** | 6pm

Council Mtg. | 6:30pm

**10** Art Camp | 9am

*Al-Anon\** | 7pm

**11** Art Camp | 9am

*Boy Scouts\** | 6:30pm

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

**14** Morning Worship | 10:30am

**16** Men's Bible Study | 8am

Membership Mtg. | 8am

Ladies' Luncheon (Reds) | 11:30am

*Mobile Food Pantry (Downtown)\** | 5pm

*Cub Scouts\** | 6pm

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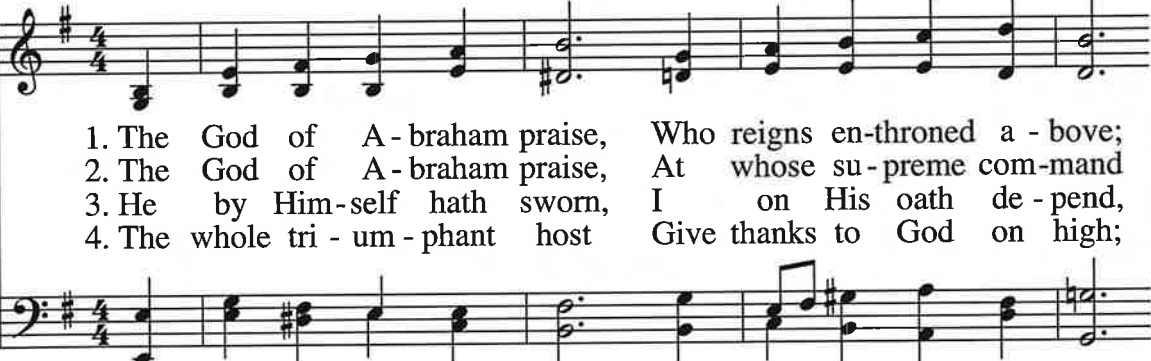
**WE BELIEVE: Faith is a journey, God is good, Jesus saves, and the Spirit leads us to faith, hope, and love as we honor the dignity of all God's people.**

## The God of Abraham Praise

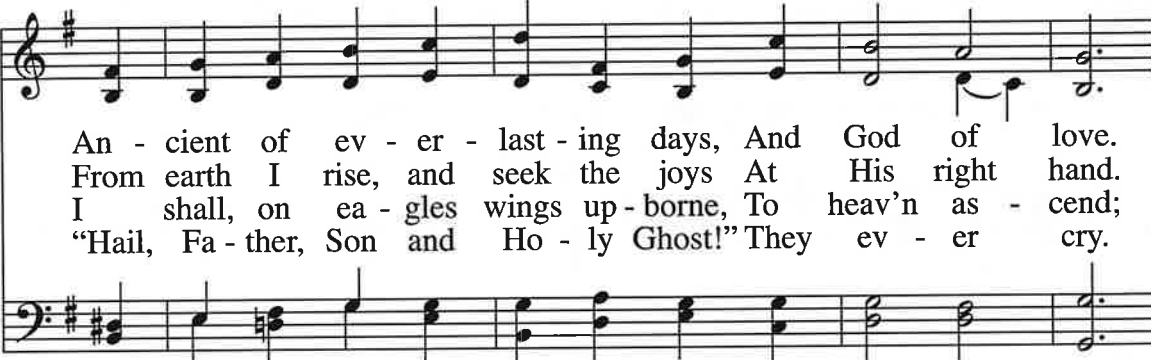
Revised version of the *Vigdal*  
Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400

Traditional Hebrew Melody  
Adapt. by Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

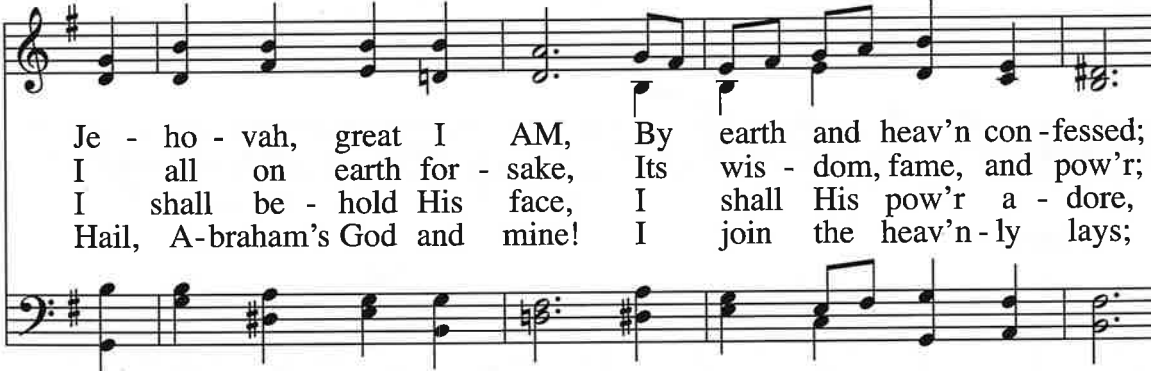
Trans. by Newton Mann, 1836–1926, and Max Landsberg, 1845–1928



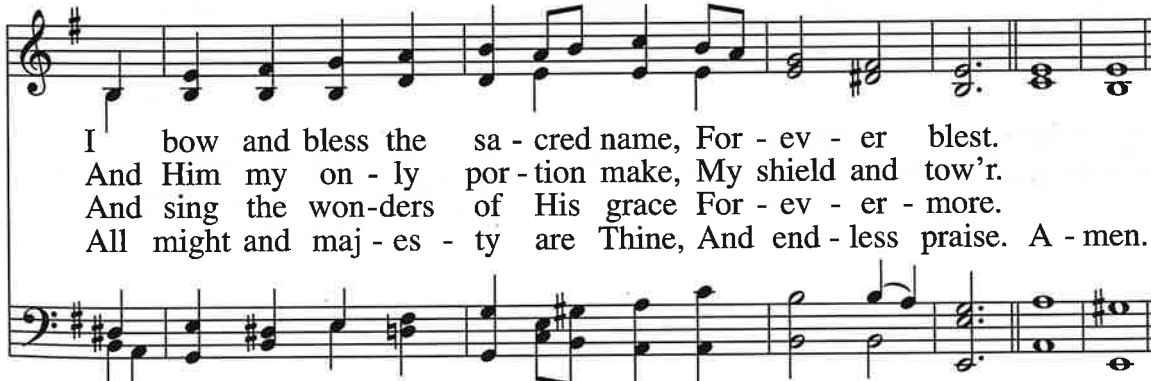
1. The God of A - braham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2. The God of A - braham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand  
3. He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His oath de - pend,  
4. The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high;



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, And God of love.  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys At His right hand.  
I shall, on ea - gles wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend;  
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r;  
I shall be - hold His face, I shall His pow'r a - dore,  
Hail, A - braham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays;



I bow and bless the sa - cred name, For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.  
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine, And end - less praise. A - men.

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

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

**437** He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834-1918

William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed thought! O words with  
 2. Some-times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, Some - times where  
 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er  
 4. And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy

heav'n - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be,  
 E - den's bow - ers bloom, By wa - ters still, o'er trou - bled sea,  
 mur - mur nor re - pine; Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see,  
 grace the vic - t'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,

Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 Still 'tis His hand that lead - eth me! He lead - eth me, He  
 Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me!  
 Since God thru Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me; His faith - ful fol - l'wer

HE LEADETH ME  
 LM with Refrain

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# GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE



I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me. A - men.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal melody with lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line. The music is in a common time signature and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

THE TRIUNE GOD

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Carl G. Glaser, 1784–1829  
Mason's *Modern Psalms*, 1839

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
3. Glo - ry to God and praise and love Be

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
ev - er, ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.  
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n. A - men.

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Great God and King, we find it difficult to articulate our faith. Our thoughts, our feelings, our lives are but poor witnesses to what You continue to do with us and for us. But deep within our souls, we hear Your voice, and our spirits and Yours are joined in wonder, love, and praise. Strengthen our spirits so that we might glorify You. Amen.

Dick Hotchkin