

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 19, 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

Allegro from Sonata in C Major, BWV 529
by J. S. Bach

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Robin Dhassaler

Leader: In the beginning...

People: God created the heavens and the earth, and formed humanity in love.

Leader: Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

People: In the image of God, we are made.

Leader: God blessed them and called creation very good.

People: We come to worship the Creator of all.

OPENING HYMN 28 (stand as you are able)

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

NETTLETON

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachael Cooley

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19

Rev. Dobson

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Heaven

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 556 (stand as you are able)

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

SURELY THE PRESENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from Requiem

Natalie Yates and Grace Fellows

by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi

Merciful Jesus, Father, who takes away the sins of the world,

Dona eis requiem,

Grant them rest,

Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi

Lamb of God, Father, who takes away the sins of the world Grant

Dona eis requiem, Sempiternam Requiem

them rest, everlasting rest

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 279 (stand as you are able)

Now as We Pray

TALLIS' CANON

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bell Olsson

POSTLUDE

Tallis' Canon

Dr. Brown

by Walter Pelz (1926-1984)

Today's flowers are placed by the VerMeulen family in loving memory of Carol VerMeulen.

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 celebrate the engagement of **Brittany McNeil** and **Steve Hecker**. Brittany's daughter, Nina, is eager to be part of the upcoming festivities and ceremony.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Maris Rosema asks for prayers for healing from a lung infection. (7/08)

Pray for **Terry Zylman**. Terry is recovering from surgery, and would appreciate prayers at this time. (6/30)

PRAY FOR FRIENDS OF MAYFLOWER

Diane, friend of **Art and Marilyn Emery**, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. We lift her up in prayer. (6/30)

We pray for **Sue Defoe's** friend **Wendy** who is undergoing treatments for brain cancer. (6/30)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Former East Grand Rapids resident and childhood Mayflower member, **Brian Caukin**, passed away at his home in Orlando, Florida on June 17. His memorial service will be held at Mayflower on July 31 at 1pm. (6/30)

Please pray for the VerMeulen family. **Carol VerMeulen** passed away on June 13. A service was held at Mayflower on July 17. (6/16)

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.

Calendar

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

Today, July 19

10:30am | Sunday Worship

JULY

20 Chandelier Cleaning | 9am

21 Ladies' Luncheon (Beer City Bread) | 11:30am

*Red Cross Blood Drive** | 1pm

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

22 *Al-Anon** | 7pm

26 Sunday Worship | 10:30am

28 Mayflower Mobile Food Pantry | 5pm

**SUMMER IS STILL SIZZLING,
SO LET'S GET TOGETHER!**

Waterslide & BBQ

WED., AUGUST 12 | 5-7PM



Mark your calendar for an evening of fun! We'll gather in the middle lot for burgers and hot dogs on the grill, chips, lemonade, and a **HUGE waterslide**. *Everyone is welcome!*

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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

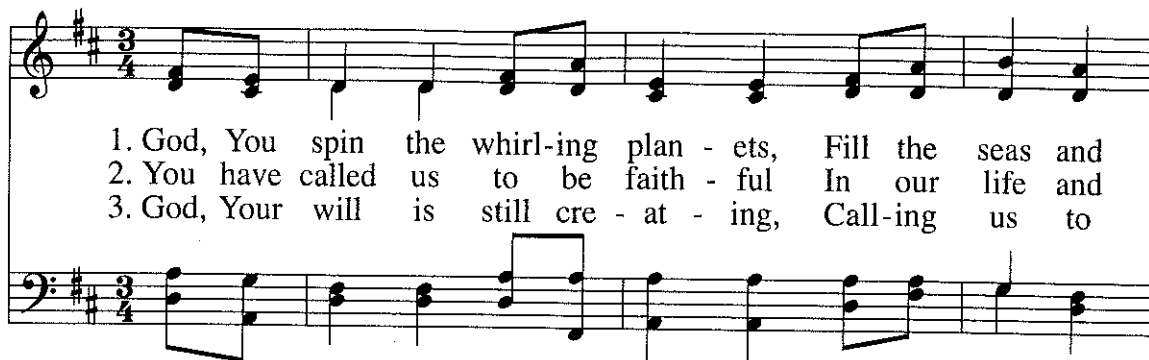
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God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

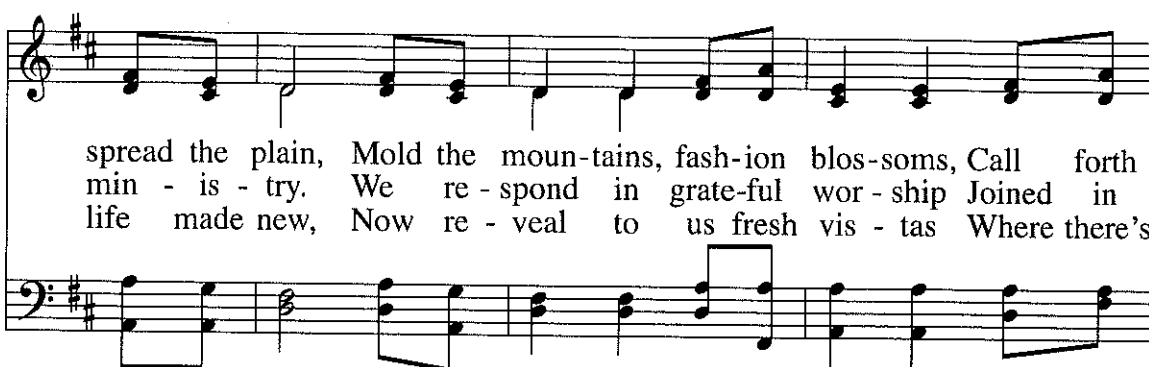
Jane Parker Huber, 1926-

Traditional American Melody

John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813



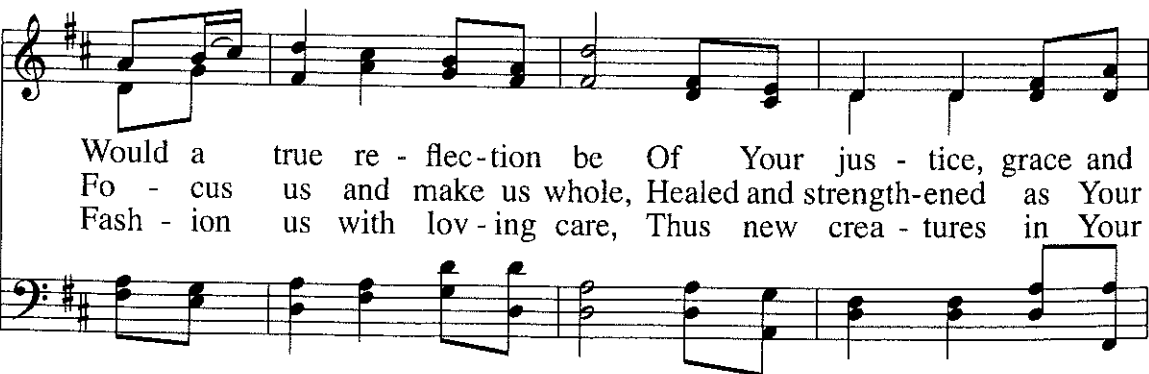
1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, Fill the seas and
2. You have called us to be faith - ful In our life and
3. God, Your will is still cre - at - ing, Call-ing us to



spread the plain, Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor - ship Joined in
life made new, Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas Where there's



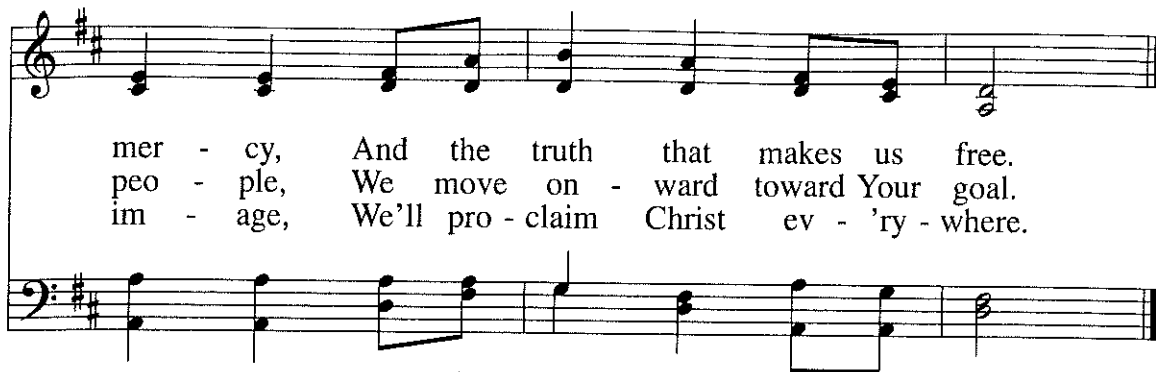
sun - shine, wind and rain. We, cre - at - ed in Your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur Your gra-cious im - age,
work to dare to do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion,



Would a true re - flec-tion be Of Your jus - tice, grace and
Fo - cus us and make us whole, Healed and strength-ened as Your
Fash - ion us with lov - ing care, Thus new crea - tures in Your

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THE TRIUNE GOD



Dear God, Father of all, we are very grateful for the beautiful world You created, for the singing birds, the radiant flowers, the blue sky, and the soft breeze. We are thankful for the storms that bring us the clouds, wind and rain that help keep our earth fresh and full of life. We are thankful for Your bounty that comes from the earth so our bodies may be fed. Indeed, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (*Ps 24:1*). We are also thankful for the light of God's sunshine that reminds us of God's Son, Jesus, through whom creation was made possible. Lord, God, there is so much that is a mystery to us and there is so much we do not comprehend. It is in the unknown and faraway places of Your creation that we acknowledge You as the eternal God who sees and understands all. In the vastness of the universe, we believe it is Your gracious hand that holds everything together. You span all of creation with the palm of Your hand and we are in awe of Your incredible greatness and majesty.

Lord, we are also mindful of the variety of animal and plant life that provides so much joy and pleasure to mankind. We thank You for the seasons of the year that reveal the beauty of Your creation. We recognize You, O God, as the architect and designer of a solar system that is in perfect balance between gravity and centrifugal force that keeps the earth and other planets revolving around the sun. It is this rotation and revolution of our earth that provides the daily sunrises and sunsets. You are marvelous in Your spectacular array of color that makes the earth such a prism of beauty. Our eyes of faith realize it is You who created all things for our enjoyment. We pray that You will help us be responsible stewards of the earth You have given us and treat Your creation with reverence and conservation in mind. In Your many creative forces, both seen and unseen, we give You thanks.

The beauty of the universe is realized when people of many different cultures live and work together for the good of all creation. May peace reign in the hearts and minds of people of all races. Pour out Your Spirit upon the nations of the earth, and upon all You have named and claimed as Your own in Christ's name. For all the blessings of life, and for Your promise to be with us forever, we lift our eternal praise and thanksgiving to You. Almighty God, may we, as part of Your creation, share with others what You have so lovingly and graciously given to us. Through Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Joseph Penick

SERVICE MUSIC

556 Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Lanny L. Wolfe, 1942-

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D F#m Gmaj⁹

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this

Em Em⁷ A⁷

place, I can feel His might-y pow-er and His

D Em⁷/D A⁷ D

grace. I can hear the brush of

F#m Gmaj⁹ Em

an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

A⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ D

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

SURELY THE PRESENCE
Irregular

1. We thank You, Lord, now as we pray For Your good
 2. We al - so pray for Your great peace Which comes to
 3. Bless all who turn to You in hope, Who by your
 4. That we may wor - ship You and stay With - in Your

bless - ings on this day. Please bless our lives with
 us when we re - lease Our sins, our cares, our -
 Word learn how to cope With tri - als, tests and
 serv - ice all this day, Grant us Your Spir - it

grace and love, With gifts a - bun - dant from a - bove.
 selves to You. Your strength is great and brings us through.
 tempt - ings, too, And find their help and grace in You.
 ev - 'ry hour, Fill each of us with Christ - like pow'r.

TALLIS' CANON
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One who is before all that is,
 One who walks beside us,
 One who fills and fires us,
 Hear our prayer:
 Let us, in Your singularity, find our commonness,
 And in Your multiplicity, our diversity.
 Grant that, in Your chords and discords,
 We may find the harmonies of living.
 In every song, grant us to hear Your song.

Rev. Dr. Lloyd M. Hall, Jr.