

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

July 5, 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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
arr. Charles Callahan

Dr. Julia Brown

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Rev. Kent Dobson

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rachael Cooley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Murry Idema

Leader: In the beginning...

People: God created the heavens and the earth, and filled the waters and skies with life.

Leader: And God said, "Let the waters bring forth living creatures.

People: And let the birds fly across the sky.

Leader: And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply."

People: And God saw that it was good.

OPENING HYMN 36 (stand as you are able)

From All that Dwell below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Gen 24:34-38
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 16

Murry Idema

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Seven Generations

Rev. Dobson

HYMN 437 vs. 1, 2, 3 (stand as you are able) *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

HE LEADETH ME

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rachael Cooley

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If With All Of Your Hearts
by Felix Mendelssohn

Jana DeShane, alto

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God.
Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!
(Jeremiah 29:13 and Job 23:3)

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

Prayer of St. Gregory
by Alan Hovhaness

Kenneth Thompkins, trombone

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 (stand as you are able)*This is my Song*

FINLANDIA



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; but oth - er
 Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be



home, the coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -
 lift - ed up till all shall serve him, and hearts u - nit - ed



dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the
 learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the



beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 na - tions; my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Dobson

POSTLUDE

Morceau Symphonique, Op. 88 Kenneth Thompkins, trombone
 by Alexandre Guilmant, arr. Ulrich Nehls

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

We welcome Kenneth Thompkins, trombone professor at
 Michigan State University, to Mayflower this morning.

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 baptism of **Grace Pennington** on June 21.

Congratulations to **Tim Moreland** on his retirement from Aquinas College after 35 years of service.

We are overjoyed for **Max Frantz** and Allison Bowers for their recent engagement.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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 Caulkins**, 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 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.

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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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From All that Dwell below the Skies

Psalm 117

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Geistliche Kerchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Unison

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let
 2. E - ter - nal are Your mer - cies, Lord; E -
 3. In ev - 'ry land be - gin the song; To

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise;
 ter - nal truth at - tends Your word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ev - 'ry land the strains be - long;

lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung, Through
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till
 In cheer - ful sounds all voic - es raise, And

ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry tongue.
 suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le -
 fill the world with loud - est praise.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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THE TRIUNE GOD

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Triune God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the lyrics 'lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -'. The second system contains the lyrics 'lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Lord of heaven and earth, all creation is about its task. The robin sings its lilting song while gathering twigs to build its nest. The beaver builds its mighty dam with trees it cuts along the bank. There is a symphony of sound which nature plays upon our ears. The thunder claps and insects add their eerie sounds. Raindrops fall upon the roof in cadence with the march of spring. All nature joins in harmony to raise its glorious voice to God.

Born of God, we walk the earth. We till the soil and tend the harvest. Blessed are we with fish and fowl, field and forest, rolling sea and craggy mountain. We bow before creation's splendor.

The heavens above are dark and vast but starlight penetrates the night. The sky is marked by nature's light: the sun by day and the moon by night. The heavens declare God's mighty ways.

This God of ours is not contained in some small sphere of our design. The planets in their courses move and we are left to wonder how our God has made it so. We stand in awe that one bright star revealed God's incarnate truth. Amen.

Berwick Congregational Church, Member Preparation Class

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

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