

MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

PRELUDE

Cantilena
by Josef Rheinberger

Ronald Krebs, guest organist

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson and Rev. Kent Dobson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Dobson

INTROIT

This Is The Day
by Mark Webb

Octet

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marilyn Emery

Leader: Listen to me, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were cut.

People: We remember where we have come from, and we trust the One who has called us forward.

Leader: Look to Abraham and Sarah, to the one who was called and the one who trusted.

People: God can bring life from what seems barren, and hope from what seems impossible.

Leader: The Lord will comfort us; the wilderness will become like Eden, and the desert like a garden.

All: So let us listen, let us remember, and let us worship the God who makes a way where there seems to be none.

OPENING HYMN 263 (stand as you are able)

This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

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

Rev. Dobson

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 40

Rev. Dobson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The New King Did Not Know Joseph

Rev. Bell Olsson

HYMN 384 (stand as you are able) *Children of the Heavenly Father*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dobson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul
arr. by Mark Webb

Octet

Text can be found in hymn #390

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 239 (stand as you are able)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bell Olsson

POSTLUDE

Choral Song
by Samuel Wesley

Ronald Krebs, guest organist

Vocal Ensemble: Brennen Kartes, Greg Barry, Ryan Potts, Daniel Michaud, Aaron Wheeler, Quincey Smail, Daniel Weinrick, Judah Weeks

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

Prayers for all the students and teachers going back to school. Let it be a great year!

Prayers for our college students starting their fall semester. May they be kept safe.

We pray for **David Cornelius** as he recovers from bypass surgery on Aug. 11. (8/11)

Pray for **Joan Ross** who broke her right arm. (8/04)

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

PRAISE FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Prayers for the **Battershall family** after the loss of Shirley. Please also pray for the **Riddle family** after the loss of Brock. Our hearts are with those who grieve and we remember and celebrate those we've lost. (8/04)

Prayers for the family of **Bob Nelson**. Bob passed on July 30. A visitation will be at Mayflower at 10am on August 21 and funeral at 11 am with a reception to follow. (8/04)

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

God created the earth and proclaimed it good. We pray for our planet and its restoration from the earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, and floods that have proliferated this summer. We pray for those who have been affected by these natural disasters. May God's hand of healing and comfort rest on them.

God created humans in God's image and pronounced them good. We pray for those who are in leadership to lead with wisdom and a heart for the greater good. We pray for those who live in conflict and in places of war and devastation, may God bring divine peace and understanding. We pray for the end of all suffering.

Lord, make us tender to the needs of the world as we are all one global family. Help us to see what is ours to do as we are called to love our neighbor.

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For your convenience we offer electronic giving options:



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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, August 23

10:30am | Sunday Worship

AUGUST

25 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

House & grounds Mtg. | 12pm

Mobile Food Pantry (Mayflower) | 5pm

26 *Al-Anon** | 7pm

27 Congregational Events Mtg. | 10am

*Women's City Club** | 11am

29 Sunday Worship | 10:30am

SEPTMEBER

1 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

Cub Scouts | 6pm

FALL PICNIC | SEPTEMBER 13 | 11:30am

Sunday, Sept. 13 following the morning service is our fall picnic!

NEW THIS YEAR - Sides and Desserts by all of you. If your last name is A - M please bring a SIDE DISH, if your last name is N - Z please bring a DESSERT.



We Hope to See You There!

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Dr. Mark Webb, Chancel Choir Director | Melia Colwell, Director of Children's Music and Worship

Sean Ivory, Music Associate | Zephyr White, Children's Choir accompanist

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.

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901, alt.

Traditional English Melody

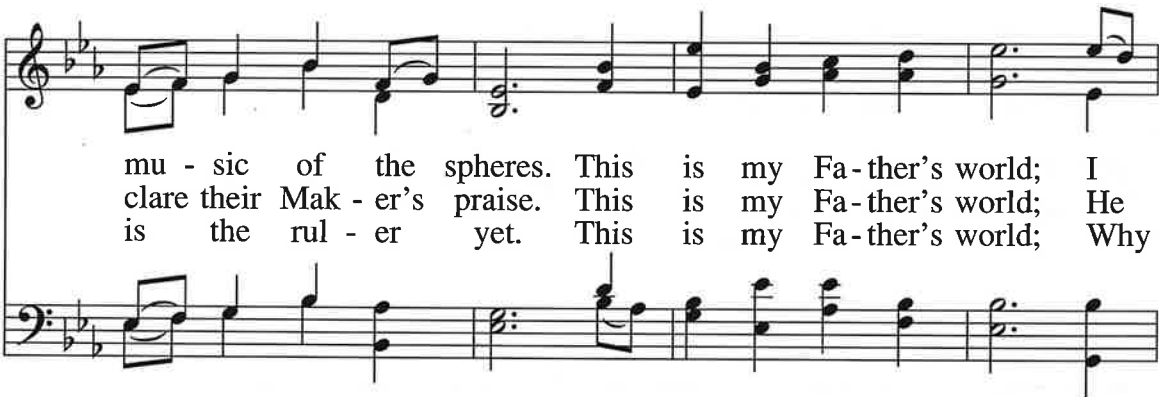
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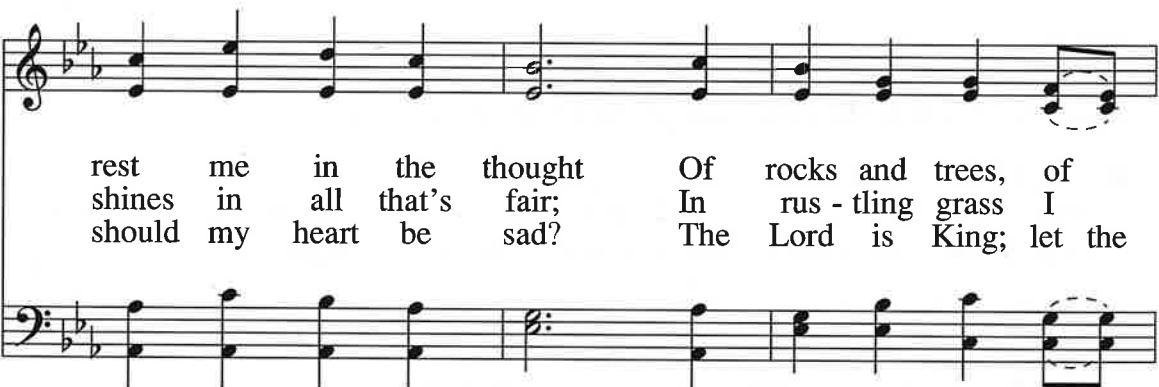
1. This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-t'ning
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car-ols
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world; O let me ne'er for -



ears, All na - ture sings, and round me rings The
 raise, The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De -
 get That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God



mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world; I
 clare their Mak - er's praise. This is my Fa-ther's world; He
 is the rul - er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world; Why



rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of
 shines in all that's fair; In rus - tling grass I
 should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the

TERRA BEATA
SMD

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903

Traditional Swedish Melody

Trans. by Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958, alt.

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Comfort and Encouragement

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE TRIUNE GOD

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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1940-
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1940-

D G A D

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E A D

wil - der-ness call - ing and free; Spir -

G A D Bm

it, Spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,

G A⁷ D G D

wind, wind on the sea.

Verses D G A G D

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the deep,
2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the sand
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a hill,
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient schemes.

THE TRIUNE GOD

A D Bm

Then You coaxed up the moun - tains from the
And You goad - ed Your peo - ple with a
Then You whis - pered in si - lence when the
From the bond - age of sor - row all the

E A D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons You
law and a land; And when they were blind - ed with
whole world was still; And down in the cit - y You
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D Bm

called to each thing: "A - wake from your
i - dols and lies, Then You spoke through Your
called once a - gain, When You blew through Your
men clear their eyes. With bold new de -

Gmaj7 Em7 A7 D D.C.

slum - bers and rise on your wings."
proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
ci - sions Your peo - ple a - rise.