MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP **August 30, 2026**

PRELUDE *In Summer* by Charles Stebbins — Ronald Krebs, guest organist

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE — 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 Dhaseleer

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: We remember the ways God has been faithful, and we come with grateful hearts.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, tell of his wondrous works; seek his presence continually.

People: We will seek the Lord and remember his promises.

Leader: God called his people and led them, making a way where there was no way.

All: We come to worship the God who remembers, who leads, and who is faithful to his people.

OPENING HYMN 259 (stand as you are able)

For the Beauty of the Earth — DIX

OPENING PRAYER — Robin Dhassaler

Bold text or music score indicates congregational response.

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 — Exodus 3:1-15 — Robin Dhaseleer
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 41

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

SERMON — *The One Who Brings About Being* — Rev. Dobson

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER — Rev. Dobson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — *Bist du bei mir* by J. S. Bach — Greg Barry, tenor

If thou art near, gladly I'll follow to death and my eternal rest.
Ah, what delight were such a dying!
I feel upon my eyelids lying thy tender hands, with comfort blest.

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

BENEDICTION — Rev. Dobson

POSTLUDE — *Trumpet Tune* by Andrew Carter — Ronald Krebs, guest organist

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Please join us for coffee in the Atrium after the service.

If you would like to provide treats for the Sunday reception, 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

We pray for the Mayflower family that is navigating a mental health crisis with their adult child. May God bring divine wisdom, peace, and health.

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)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Scott and Jane Bosscher ask for prayers for Scott's sister Sue Kooistra and family as they mourn the death of their grandson/son/brother, Luke Kooistra.

Prayers for the **Battershall family** after the loss of Shirley. Please also pray for the **Riddle family** after the loss of Brock. Ours 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 funeral was held at Mayflower on August 21. (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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

Your generous gifts ensure Mayflower's current and future ministry. Thank you.
For your convenience we offer electronic giving options:

Scan the QR Code with your phone to give/pay directly through E-Zekiel: no sign-up required.

Download the app and create an account for future secure scan-and-go transactions.

TEXT TO GIVE

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 30

10:30am | Sunday Worship

SEPTMEBER

1 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

2 *Garden Club** | 8:30am
Priscilla Circle | 11am
*Al-Anon** | 7pm

3 Doubts on Draft | 5pm

6 Sunday Worship | 10:30am
(no Sunday School)

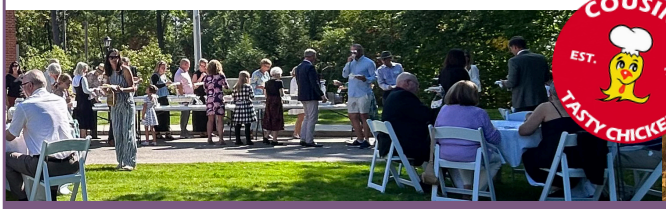
7 Labor Day | Office Closed

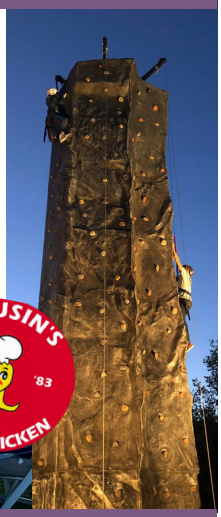
8 Breakfast Club | 6:30am

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!

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Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music & Organist
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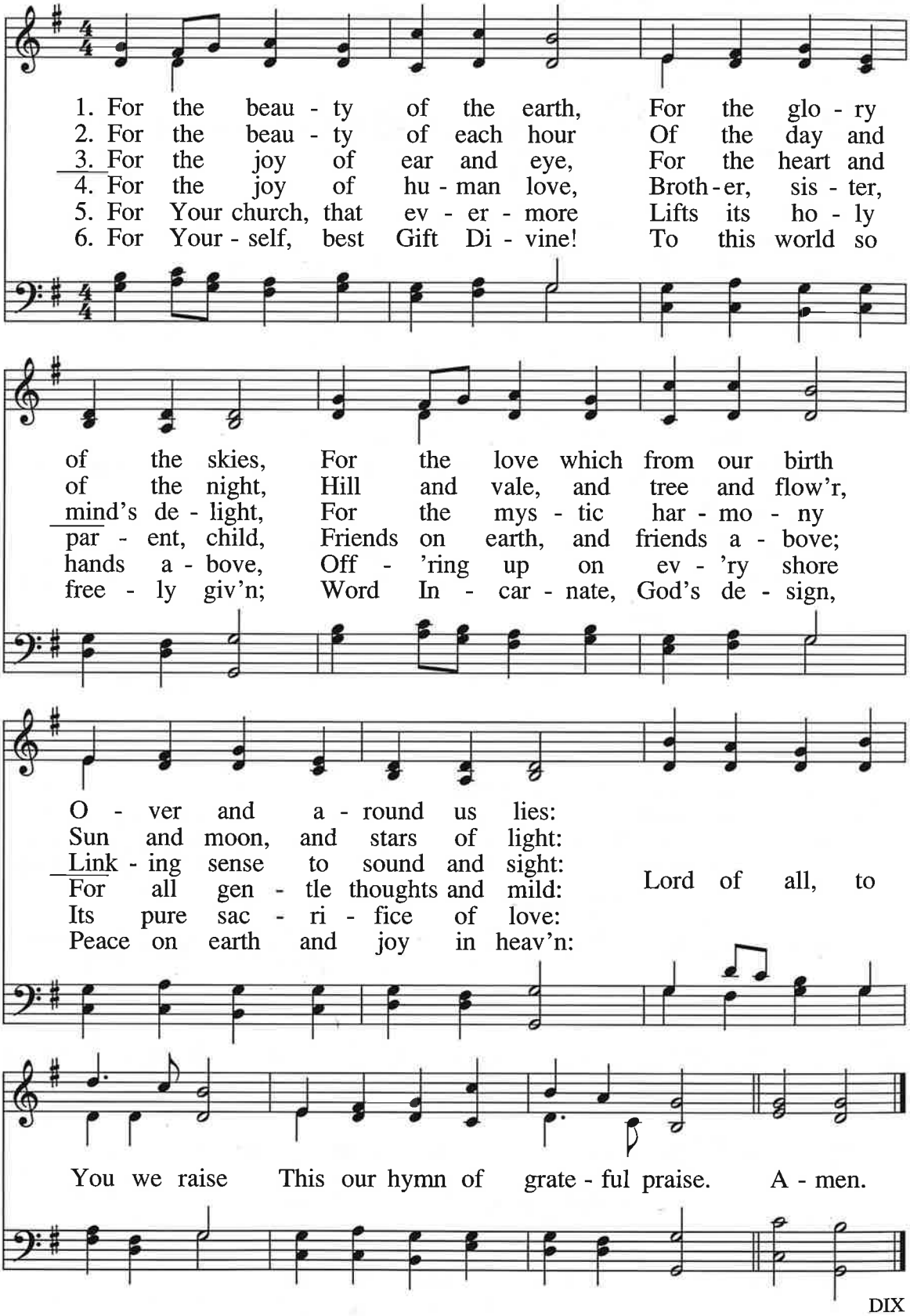
Sean Ivory, Music Associate | **Zephyr White**, Children's Choir accompanist

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.

259 For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889



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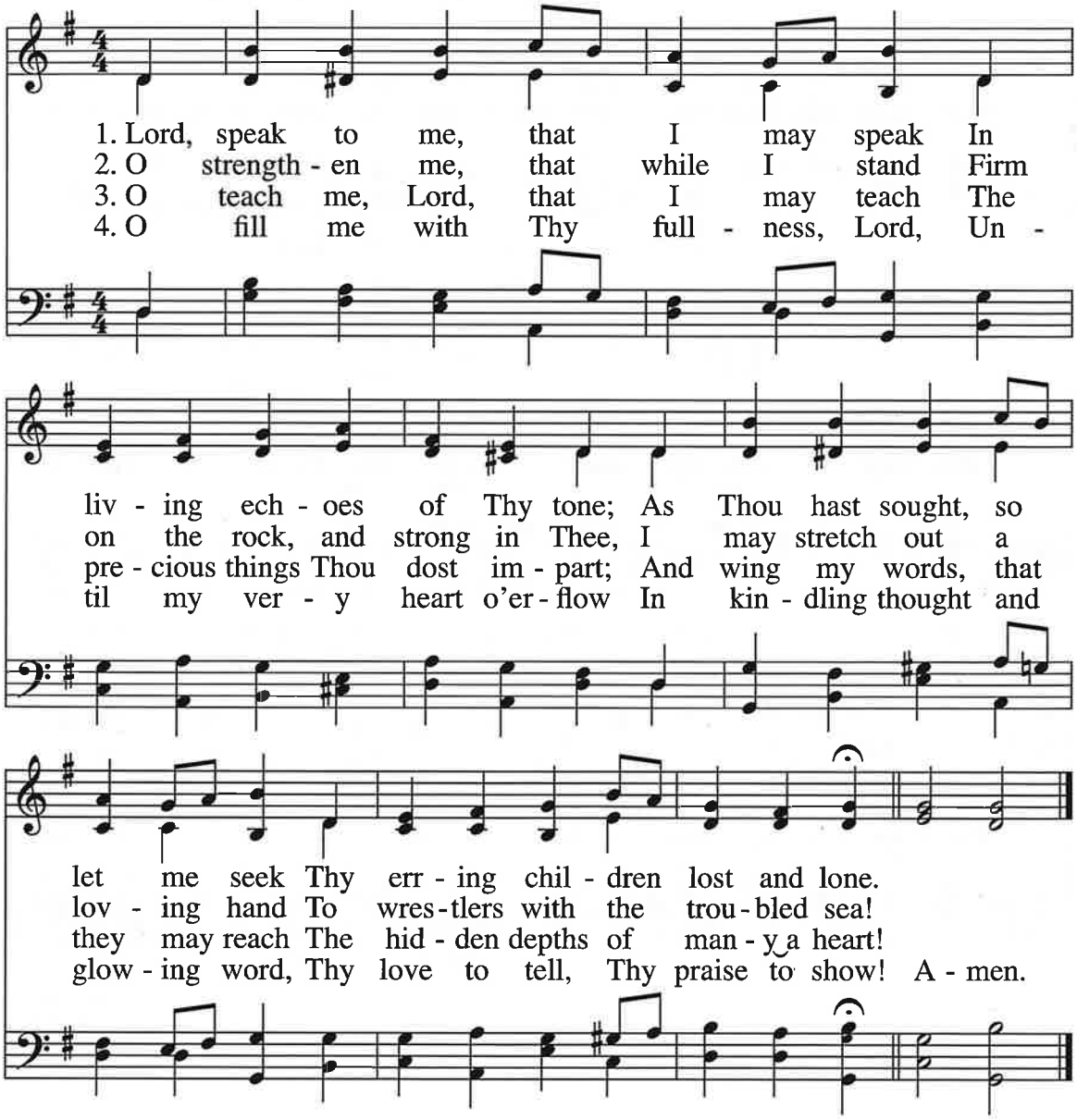
Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 372

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



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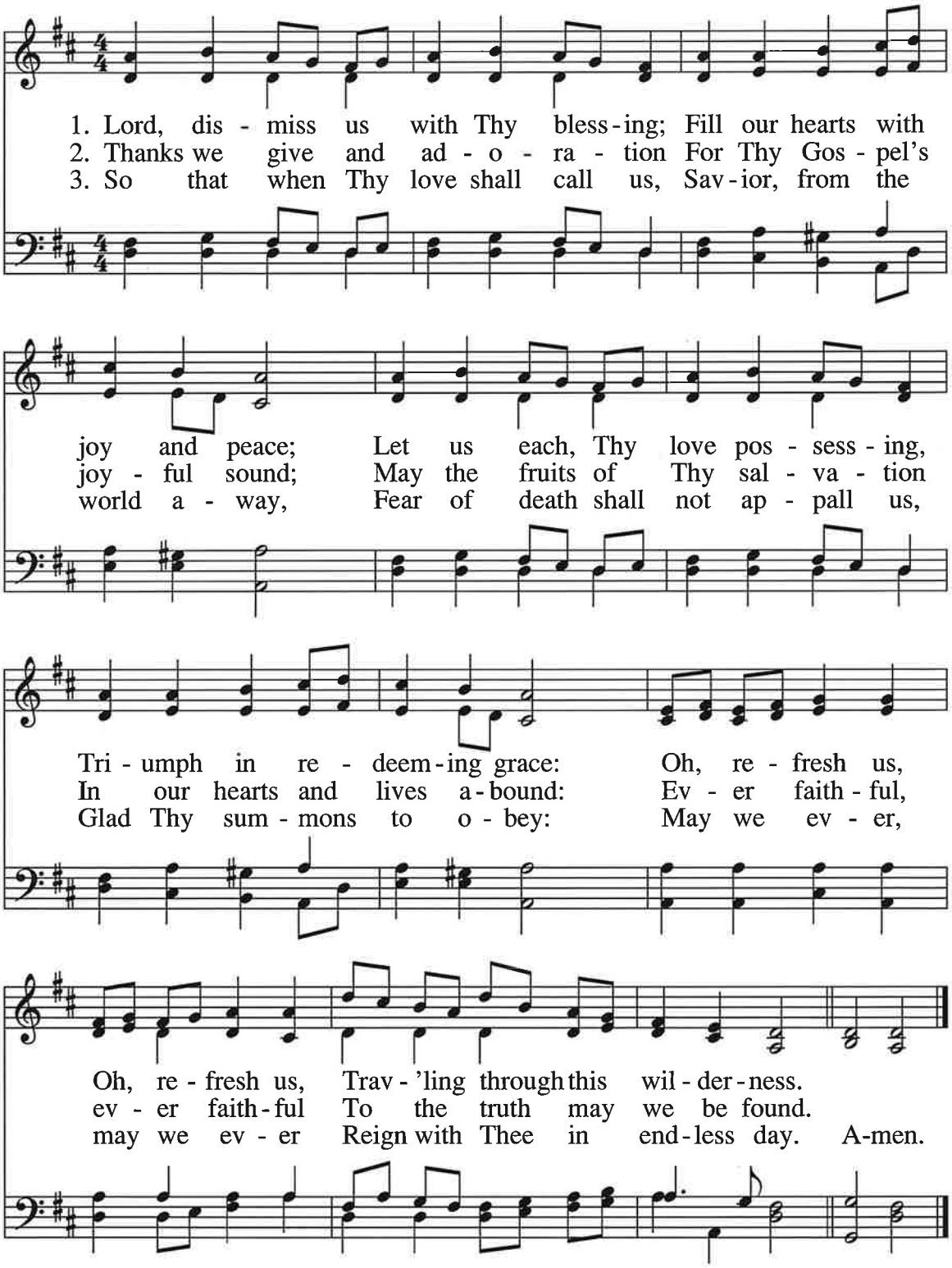
Obedience and Commitment **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

579 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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

Sicilian Melody
Tattersall's *Psalmody*, 1794



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