

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 Dhassaler

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

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
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 41

Robin Dhassaler

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

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)

PRAAY 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.

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For your convenience we offer electronic giving options:



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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!

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Senior Pastor | Rev. Kent Dobson, Associate Pastor

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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.

GOD'S REVELATION

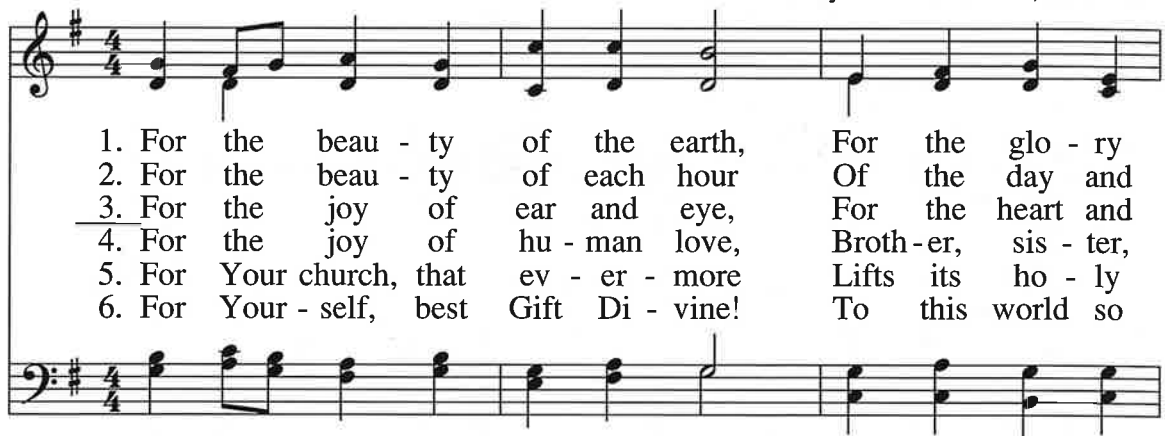
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For the Beauty of the Earth

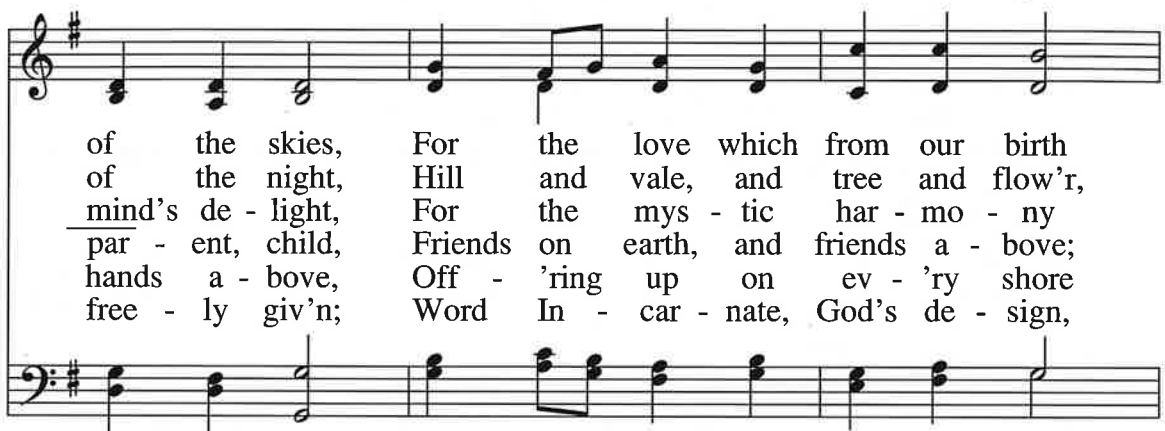
Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

Arr. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889



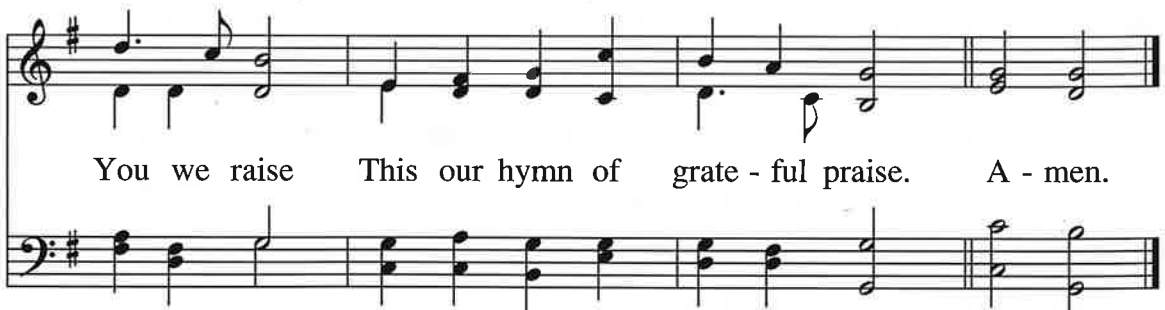
1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For Your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
 6. For Your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, Off - 'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



You we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - men.

DIX
7.7.7.7.7

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Arr. from Robert A. Schumann, 1810–1856

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In
2. O strength - en me, that while I stand Firm
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The
4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un -

liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
on the rock, and strong in Thee, I may stretch out a
pre - cious things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
lov - ing hand To wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea!
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart!
glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show! A - men.

CANONBURY
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Obedience and Commitment

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

SERVICE MUSIC

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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

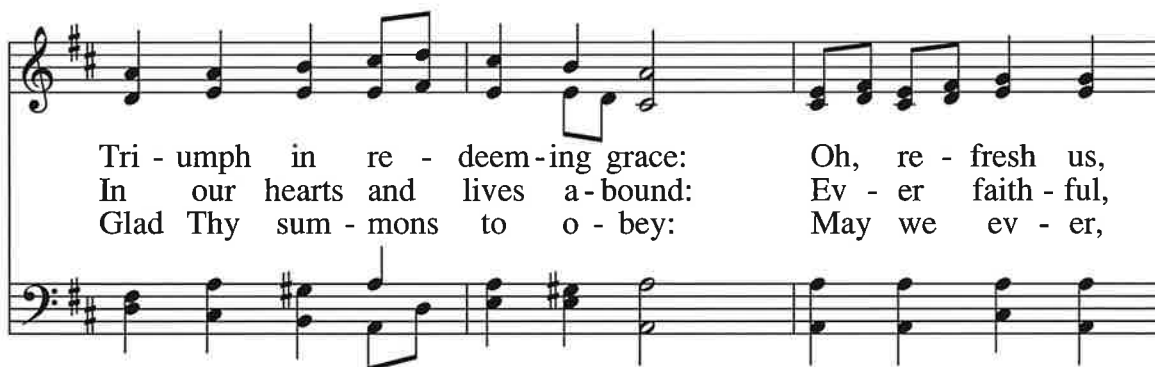
Sicilian Melody
Tattersall's *Psalmody*, 1794



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy Gos - pel's
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,



Oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day. A - men.

SICILIAN MARINERS
8.7.8.7.8.7

Dismissal