

MAYFLOWER

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Faith's journey • God is good • Jesus saves • Spirit leads

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 2, 2022 - 10:30am



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Indicates please stand if you are able.

Bolded text or music score indicates congregational response.

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

PRELUDE *Wie schön leuchtet* Dr. Julia Brown,
(How Brightly Shines the Morning Star) by Dietrich Buxtehude Organist

NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rachael Cooley

MOMENT FOR MUSIC Dr. Brown

INTROIT *Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Quartet
by J.S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning; Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Howell R. Petty

Leader: The magi came from many places, following a star.

People: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.

Leader: The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

People: We too bring gifts--ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.

Leader: Shepherds and magi--the meek and the mighty--all were welcome in Bethlehem.

People: We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.

CAROL #108* vs. 1,2,3,6 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL

OPENING PRAYER* Scott Bosscher

GLORIA PATRI*

**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.**

ANTHEM *Psallite Unigenito* Quartet
by Jacob Praetorius

Sing your psalms to Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Sing your songs to the Redeemer. Lo, in a manger bed there lies an infant small. Angel hosts their homage pay before the Lord of all.

"Glory to God on high" the choirs of angels sing; "Peace on earth, goodwill to all"
their voices echoing, praise the newborn King.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rachael Cooley,
Director of Outreach & Family Ministries

CAROL #148 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT
(verse 1 all, verses 2, 3, 4 solos, all on refrain, verse 5 all)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 681

Bill Dickinson,
Lay Reader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

What's New in '22:
Where are we going?

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson,
Co-Pastor

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO OFFERING

Rachael Cooley

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

No Small Wonder
by Paul Edwards (b. 1955)

Quartet

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light, the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God – no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore the gold and the incense, the myrrh, to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross – no small wonder!

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace, the power, the glory, the light on his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart – no small wonder!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



1. What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en? What
2. What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en? What
3. What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en? What



food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



O taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
O see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
O taste and see and sing! The Song of God is giv - en!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Wie schon leuchtet
by Niels Gade

LORD'S PRAYER

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*

A Star Not Mapped on Human Charts

KINGSFOLD



1. A star not mapped on hu - man charts dis - turbed the east - ern skies and
2. That star which cheered the seek - ing soul an - noun-cing Christ was here, made
3. That star a - bove our shad-owed earth now moved a - cross the skies and
4. That star which pierced the an - cient night has fad - ed from a - bove, yet



stirred the quest - ing minds and hearts of three kings rich and wise. At -
Her - od plot to keep con - trol through vi - o - lence and fear. The
marked the place of ho - ly birth be - fore the wise men's eyes. They
through the vi - sion - a - ry sight of faith and hope and love we,



tract - ed by the mys - tic light their sci - ence did not frame, they
ty - rant hid his anx - ious thought and said "Re - port to me when
of - fered in - cense, murrh and gold while on their knees to pray. Then
like the wise - men, still may find life's a - ni - mat - ing goal: the



trav - elled through the cloud of night to learn its hol - y name.
you have found the child you've sought that I might come and see."
through a dream the kings were told: "Go home an - oth - er way!"
Christ who prompts the prob - ing mind and lights the o - pen soul.

BENEDICTION*

Rev. Bell Olsson

POSTLUDE

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie
by Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

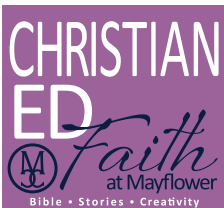
Dr. Brown

What feast of love: music GREENSLEEVES (trad. 16th century English carol); words: Delores Dufner, OSB, © 1986, 1993, The Sisters of St. Benedict. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense #729334-A
A star not mapped: music KINGSFOLD (English melody); words: Thomas H. Troeger © 1994, Oxford University Press. Used by permission OneLicense #729334-A

Welcome!

We are so glad you
joined us today!

Hearing assistance is available on the main floor by using the T-switch on your hearing aid.
Handheld receivers with earphones are also available from the ushers.



Nursery is available for children birth through 1 year. **Little Lambs is available** for ages 2 and 3 in Room 115. You are welcome to sign your child(ren) in prior to the service and receive a pager if needed.

There will not be Sunday School today. Children can pick up packets and children's bulletins in the narthex to work on during the service.

A colorful, abstract painting serves as the background for the advertisement. It features swirling patterns in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple, with various shapes and figures. In the center, there is a black and white photograph of a man, Joel Schoon-Tanis, sitting on a chair and resting his chin on his hand. He is wearing a red t-shirt and jeans. The text "JOEL SCHOON-TANIS" is written in white at the bottom of the photo.

Join the Artist!

SUNDAY, JAN. 9TH
Painting with the kids on Sunday during Bible Alive and Bible Beginnings and the MS/HS youth groups that night.

WEDNESDAY - JAN. 12TH
Painting with the kids during Midweek

Wear paint shirts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mayflowerchurch.org/join-us/signups

Sunday SNOW SHOVEL CREW

EVENTS
Connect
at Mayflower
Fellowship • Community • Fun

GREETERS/ COOKIE PROVIDERS NEEDED

Are you willing to greet before a Sunday service or bring a treat for a Sunday coffee reception?

Jan/feb dates are now available notify Murry Idema at 243-2764.

Details on upcoming events available at MayflowerChurch.org/Join-Us/Events**

Join us in January

Mayflower will welcome Joel Schoon-Tanis as artist in residence the week of January 9-15 as he creates a mural outside of the Youth Rooms.

ELEVATE meets again on January 9th - with a break on the 16th - and is back again on the 23rd.

MIDWEEK will re-engage January 12th with more fun for friends of all ages.

Please join our Monday 5pm Women's Bible Study for "winter semester" -- Snow Birds welcome!

Our meetings will begin on January 24th at the church, and we will be offering both a Zoom and in-person option. We will study the book The Epic of Eden - Isaiah by Sandra Richter. Our leader is Dr. Alexiana Fry. Videos will begin in-person at 4:30pm, with discussion starting at 5pm. Everyone will have access to be able to watch that week's video at their leisure if they cannot make the 4:30 timeslot. Questions? Contact Susan Jones at sjones9200@aol.com.

M A Y F L O W E R

Spring Bazaar

Artisan Market
Delectable Treats

Profits support the Parlor project



**We have been blessed
and it is our opportunity
to be a blessing.**

2022 Commitments to date:

Same pledge	81	
Increased pledge	70	
Decrease	15	
New pledge	8	
Total	174	\$698k

Please join our effort

Thank you!

Total
Funds
Committed

100%



**Have you been visiting
Mayflower and want
to learn more?**

**Are you ready to
become a member?**

What does this mean?

Members publicly identify as part of our community, supporting the church through engagement, spiritual growth, and giving. Members are critical to the leadership of the church by voting on the Council, the annual budget, and calling our next pastor.

New member classes:

February 13 and 20

(following Sunday worship in the library)

New member induction:

February 27

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Please contact Amy Hermen if you have questions or to register for the classes.

NOTES FOR REFLECTION

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Ruth Bell Olsson, Interim Co-Pastor
Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music
Rachael Cooley, Director of Outreach and Family Ministries
Howell R. Petty, Melissa Gleason, Greg Barry and Scott Bosscher, cantors

Prayers of Celebration or Concern are often requested for our Mayflower Church Family and Friends. If you would like to receive the detailed Prayer List, please email office@mayflowerchurch.org. Hard copies of the Prayer list are also available in the racks in the Narthex.

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Dr. Julia Brown, Director of Music and Organist | Scott Bosscher, Chancel Choir Director
Abby Brooks, Children's Choir Director | Rachael Cooley, Director of Outreach and Family Ministries
Andrea Koster, Christian Education Director | Amy Wiener, CE Associate | Amy Hermen, Office Manager
Allison Houlihan, Youth Ministry | Courtenay Oosterman, Communications
Murry Idema, Director of Congregational Care | Andy Ely, Business Manager

If you, or a family member, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or you exhibit any of the symptoms associated, or have recently tested positive for COVID-19, please refrain from attending any Mayflower event until you have been through the proper time of quarantine.