



MAYFLOWER

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2020 • 10:30 AM



PRELUDE Variations on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
by David Dahl (b. 1937) Julia Brown, organ;
Director of Music

NEWS OF THE CHURCH Mark Barger Elliott,
Senior Pastor

OUTREACH 2019 REPORT Ruth Bell Olsson,
Pastoral Associate

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: St. Paul wrote, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

People: "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

CHORAL INTROIT "Here I Stand"
by John Bell Chancel Choir
Scott Bosscher, Director

Here I stand at the door and knock.
I will come and dwell with those who ask me in. (Rev.3:20)

Leader: We gather in this sacred space with the assurance we are known by God, loved by God, and invited to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

People: Come, let us worship as we hear Jesus say to us, "follow me."

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #7 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
LOBE DEN HERREN

*OPENING PRAYER Lynn Barger Elliott,
Associate Pastor

Leader: The psalmist writes, "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Leader: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely."

Leader: So help us this morning, we pray, to fathom we are known fully by You, O Lord.

People: And may that spiritual truth assuage our anxieties, ignite our courage, and confirm our faith.

Leader: As we seek to live this new year inspired by the lives of Your apostles. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #558

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 4 years old through 5th grade leave for Church School)

HYMN #205

“In the Garden”

GARDEN

(Remain Seated)

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51

John Schneider,

Pew Bible, Page 751

Lay Reader

SERMON

The Seven Decisions—Nathanael

Mark Barger Elliott

A WORD ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

Julia Brown

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Love Divine”

Chancel Choir

by Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Scott Bosscher, Director

text by Charles Wesley (can be found in hymnal #48)

*DOXOLOGY #563 AND DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Ruth Bell Olsson

PRAYER RESPONSE

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We invite you to extend the peace of Christ with your neighbor by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response is "Also with you."

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #263

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"On Eagle's Wings"
arr. Charles Callahan

Julia Brown,
Organ

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME! 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.



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News + Events

January 19, 2020

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP! Mayflower Reads!

Join us in the Youth Room for our first church-wide book club!

Mayflower Outreach Provides Mel Trotter Van

Mayflower Outreach has gifted Mel Trotter funds for a new van to be used to reach out to people living in encampments with the services that Mel Trotter provides. It will be at the portico entrance after the service today if you'd like to check it out!

JANUARY 23 - 5-7:00pm 69UP Event!

Usher in the New Year with the 69UP group of Mayflower members and friends. Villas of Ada Clubhouse, 830 Bridge Crest Dr SE in Ada, hosted by Shari Graham. RSVP to Murry Idema, ridema58@gmail.com or 243-2764.

JANUARY 24-25 MCC Women's Retreat!

Mayflower women are invited to begin the new year together by exploring the theme, "The Joy of Missing Out: Live More By Doing Less!" \$100 for a double occupancy room! Contact Lynn Barger Elliott to reserve your spot!

JANUARY 26 - 5:15-7:30pm 29UP Event!

Roller skating party at Kentwood Fun Spot. \$6 per person for skating.

JANUARY 26 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us as we celebrate a wonderful year of mission and ministry in 2019.

JANUARY 31 - 6:30-8:30pm 49UP Winter Soiree at the Uhls!

Mayflower members and friends in the 49UP group (no upper age limit!) -- singles and couples -- please mark your calendars for an evening of conversation, food and drink at the home of Barbara and Howard Uhl, 1143 Conlon Avenue SE. RSVP to Susan Jones at sjones9200@aol.com or (616) 458-0305.



SUMMIT: CONFIRMATION 2020

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Jan 26 / Feb 2, 9, 23 / Mar 1, 8

Confirmation classes will meet Sundays at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. (Make-up classes meet at 5:00pm in the Conference Room before ELEVATE and Choir.)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Sunday, March 15—10:30am service



Jan-Feb
Sermon Series



Seven
Decisions



A study of
the Apostles



RETREATS

Mayflower women are invited to begin the new year together by exploring the theme:

“The Joy of Missing Out: Live More By Doing Less!”

We will stay at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Holland, Jan 24 (6:00 p.m.) - Jan 25 (noon) and enjoy learning, shopping and eating together!

\$100 for a double occupancy room!

Contact Lynn Barger Elliott to reserve your spot!



MAYFLOWER OUTREACH IN 2019!

HOUSING

- \$10K **Habitat for Humanity**
(Roosevelt Park community development project)
- \$12K **IHN – 3 Rotations**
(Stipends for project coordinators)
- \$20K **Partners In Housing – 2 Renovated Homes**

FOOD

- \$5K **Safe Haven Food Pantry**
- \$1K **Hand 2 Hand Weekend Hunger Project**

HEALTH

- \$10K **Exalta Accessible Healthcare – Eye Clinic**
- \$10K **Baxter Community Center – Free Clinic**
- \$2K **Eden Children’s Village – Mobile Clinic**

REFUGEE SUPPORT

- \$3K **Sudanese Grace Church**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- \$6K **Foundations in Faith Youth Mission Trip**
- \$12K **Transformer for Eden Children’s Village**
- \$20K **New City Kids Building** (funds are matched and enable NCK to make their new building warm, safe and dry)
- \$20K **Van for Mel Trotter** (enabling Mel Trotter to take their services to the homeless encampments around GR)



\$ 131 K TOTAL IN MAYFLOWER OUTREACH GIVING!



NOTES FOR REFLECTION ON SERMON AND PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Family and friends
of Marilyn DeHorn

Rudy Carlson and
family

Family and friends
of Matt Fouch

Axelle Pringalle
Pelfrêne and family

Kathleen Heyboer
and family

Stacy Trierweiler

Graydon

Ollie Grin

Thora White

Rocky Rosema

Laurie Wood-Lyons

Susie Williams

Tolly Stiffler

Tony and Punch
Brace

Sue Ellyn Andrews

Virginia Vogel

Dale Bensted

Marcia and Jim
DePree

Chip Wood

Leanne Reilly

Fran and Les

Sophia Minnavino

April Baker

Betty and Joel
Soule

Dorothy Britcher

Debbie Haley

Lylah Gritter

Anne Hooker

Jen Kaczor

Gina VanderKolk

Jon

Jean Norris Miller

Phil Battershall

Dick Bellows

Bill Petchauer

Rick Congdon

Joan Fleaser

Sander

Brenda Allen

Jon King