

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Our Mission:

The United Church of Mapleton is a Christian fellowship of mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated to the Maple River community.

*The * symbolizes an invitation to rise in body or spirit.
If you are a visitor today, please fill out the welcome card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service so that we can get to know each other!*

Prelude Guitar/Vocal Group

Welcome, Announcements

*Gathering Song *The Day of Resurrection (vs.1 only)* NCH #245

* Unison Prayer

God of endings and new beginnings, we come to worship and to praise you. We come to abandon our pretenses and offer up our hopes and dreams that you may breathe new life into them. Shake us from our slumber and awaken us to our own resurrections. Open our eyes to the new day dawning in our hearts. Let us rejoice and be glad, for life has triumphed over death! Alleluia! Amen.

*Song *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (verses 1-3)* NCH #233

*Claiming Our Brokenness

God of new awakenings, we confess we would rather stay asleep. We are afraid to hope and have our hopes shattered. We are afraid to dream and find our dreams deferred. Break us open, like the tomb, so that new life may pour forth. Give us the faith to believe, to hope, to dream anew. Let us live as people of your resurrection. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Unconditional Love & Forgiveness

(taken from the book of Acts 10)

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The United Church News & Announcements

Mapleton Senior Dining—\$2 Buck Tuesdays

Come to the Mapleton Community Center and dine with us at 11:45 a.m. for \$2 on **April, 18th and 25th**. Call, 507-524-4869 by 12:00 p.m. one day in advance to reserve your meal.

SW Cluster Congregational Get-Together Saturday, April 29th

Bring Your Light! (Matt. 5:14-16)

The SW Cluster of the United Church of Christ invites us to join them from **11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at First Congregational UCC in Mankato**. This will be a time to connect with other UCC'ers in our southwest Minnesota area.

Those who are interested in attending this event with Pastor Cindy should let her know so the correct amount of food can be made.

Missionaries at United Church to Visit Sunday, April 30th

When we will be hosting two United Church of Christ Missionaries. They will be leading us in worship along with joining us for a Q&A session following worship. The Westras have quite the story to share regarding their missionary work in Honduras and Zimbabwe behalf of and the United Church of Christ Global Ministries.

Please join us as we extend a warm welcome to Don and Maryjane here at UCM on Sunday, April 30th.

All Daughter's Luncheon ~ Saturday, May 6th at Noon

Join with other daughters in our fellowship hall for a meal and live music provided by *Heartstrings*. **Reserved seating: Call 524-3141.** Please leave a message.

Easter Season Plants

Thank you for bringing in lovely plants for the Easter season!

Cindy Mueller	<i>In memory of her father Richard & in honor of her mother Ruth Mueller</i>
Joe & Sheila Samuelson	<i>In honor of our family</i>
Jola Walker	<i>In memory of Denny Walker</i>
	<i>In memory of Beth & Rex Walker</i>
Pam & Don Foster	<i>In memory of our parents: Bill & Bernice Brice; Bud & Tootie Foster</i>
	<i>In memory of Everett & Donna Jean Sharp</i>
Carolyn Becker	
Joyce Johnson	<i>In memory of Wally Johnson</i>



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Church Calendar For this Week*

Maple River Youth Center

The Maple River Youth Center will hold a Burger Bar fundraiser at Maggie J's on **Monday, April 24th from 5:00-8:00 pm**. With each meal purchased, you will be entered in drawings for door prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold separately for a \$350 shopping spree at Dietz Foods.

Mapleton Sertoma

Mapleton Sertoma is honoring Cindy Dietz-Wishart as its Service to Mankind winner! An open house will be held **Sunday, April 23rd from 2:00—4:00 pm** at Maggie J's, with program at 3:00 pm.

Spring Sale

St. John Lutheran Church of Mapleton will have a Spring Sale (baked goods, plants, quilts and book sale) on **Saturday, May 13th**. Anyone wishing to rent space call Caryl O'Brien at, 507-525-5601.

Next Week's (4/23) Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: *Darlene Fezler*

Hospitality Team: *Randy & Linda Cumming*

Organist/Pianist: *Ann DeWitz*

Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

Norma Baack-Blaisdell., Kathy Cramer, Irene Cumming & Alberta Samuelson

Others to hold in our prayers:

- *For Lanny & Kathy while going through illness*
- *For Sandy Jaeger, mother of Lisa Shubert, who underwent neck surgery last Friday*
- *For safe travel for my son Ned and his family and the Strue family on the trip to Florida*
- *For us to follow Jesus' ability to love all in our hearts. Let us pray for those sowing death and fear.*
- *Praising God for our Loaves & Fishes volunteers*

Offering Our Gifts

*All adults are invited to share any spare change with the children so they may participate through the offering.
For the month of **April**, the Mission Jar offerings will go to **Serteen**.*

Choir Anthem

***Singing Our Thanks to God**

TUNE: Old Hundreth

O Jesus, risen now to bless,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess,
That we may give you all our days,
The willing tribute of our days. Amen.

***Blessing Our Gifts**

As Mary drew near to the tomb on Easter morning, ready to give care to a loved one, may we reach out with actions of care and justice and compassion. And as Mary left the empty tomb and shared the amazing news of resurrection, may we witness to the life that is rising up within and all around us. Amen.

Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

Children of all ages are invited to remain in worship to worship with their parents. Please note, there is Family Space found in the room at the rear of the Sanctuary for those more energy-filled children. A Nursery—for those younger than Pre-Kindergarten age—is also available. Worship Bags, coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

The Service is piped into the Overflow Room and the Nursery.

Scripture *John 20:1-18*

***Song** *The Day of Resurrection (vs. 3 only)* **NCH #245**

Message

Special Music *Amazing Love* Guitar Group

Prayers of the People

Response: Hear our prayer, O God.

***Song to Send Us Forth**

NCH #240

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verses 1-4 only)

***Blessing**

Halleluiah Chorus. Video *(please be seated)*

***Postlude** *Please be mindful of others who continue to worship through the Postlude.*

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Pastor—Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader—Karen Stanton

Hospitality Team—Pat Carter & Carolyn Becker

Organist/Pianist—Kathy Byram

Guitar/Vocals—Laura Fritz, Marissa Pfeffer, Sheila Samuelson

Sound System—Dick Dietz

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Tues., - Thurs., 8 a.m.—Noon are the regular church office hours

<u>TODAY:</u>	9:30 a.m. Worship
Tues., 4/18:	6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 1:00 am—3:00 pm Quilting Group
Wed., 4/19:	7:00 pm Council Mtg.
Thurs., 4/20	10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours 7:00—9:00 pm Bible & Brew; @ Maggie J's
Fri., 4/21	10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours
<u>Sun., 4/23:</u>	10:30 am Worship w/Faith Formation for our Children

If You have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

You can contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org or

Email the secretary at
secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org

Mary Magdalene's Legacy

You have called me a whore from the very beginning, for two thousand years now and Eve before me: called us all whores and witches and worse. Never bothered to get to know me; never wanted to ask me: why are you alone? what is your story? who are you, really? how are you feeling?

The other disciples from the twelve through countless thousands have discredited me discredited *us*; called me a liar, a trouble-maker, a disruption, a nuisance and worse. I frustrate you. I confound you. For two thousand years you have quietly (and not so quietly) wished I would go away. When the others turned and fled the cross, and the tomb, did you think I would flee, too? Did you think I would give up? How could I? My life was too entangled with his. (Oh no, I won't satisfy your cheap curiosity with titillating gossip and spill the beans here.) No details except to say, had you not been so afraid of other's stories you might have learned a little more about not only *me* but other disciples who ministered alongside Jesus, learned of the work of so many more: the women, the children, the also-rans. But all that aside, I never could have fled. Despite all I endured for three days, for two thousand years, I had to stay. And in the silence, in the waiting, Christ came. And louder than all of the scorn and the ridicule and the fear and the hatred, louder than all of the lies and the misunderstandings and the abuse and the mistrust, Christ spoke my name: "Mary." And I experienced resurrection. It is that same Christ who commissioned me to go and tell.

So, I am here – I have *not* gone away, I *will* not go away. As long as anyone, *anywhere*, is rejected, cast aside, spat upon by the world – or, worse still, by the *church* – I am here to proclaim the same truth once told to me: Christ Jesus is risen for you, and calls you by name. Let no one no one ever tell you otherwise.

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