

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

Sunday, April 23, 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

Welcome, Announcements

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

***Celebrating Earth Day**

***Call to Worship**

One: We praise you God, for Brother Sun, who brings the day. Thank you for giving us light through him.

All: We praise you.

WOMEN/GIRLS: WE PRAISE YOU GOD, FOR
SISTER MOON AND THE STARS. IN
HEAVEN YOU HAVE FORMED THEM, BRIGHT,
AND PRECIOUS, AND BEAUTIFUL.

All: We praise you.

Men/Boys: We praise you God, for Brother Wind, and for
Air, for Cloud, and clear, and all the weather, by
which you give your creatures nourishment.

All: We praise you.

One: We praise you God, for Sister Water. She is useful,
and humble, and precious, and pure.

All: We praise you.

The United Church News & Announcements

Mapleton Senior Dining

Come to the Mapleton Community Center and dine with us at 11:45 a.m. for \$2 on **April 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.



Mission Partners to Visit the United Church Next Sunday, April 30th



When we will be hosting two United Church of Christ Mission Partners. 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 this 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.



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Maple River Youth Center TOMORROW

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 Conferring Service to Mankind Winner TODAY

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

Are You Good with a Remote?

We need you to volunteer to be part of a team of individuals who will operate the remote for the PowerPoint slides during worship on a rotating basis. A detailed script is made available, along with the Power Point presentation, in the church' drop box no later than the Friday evening before the upcoming Sunday service. **Please see Pastor Cindy or Dick Dietz** if you are willing to be trained in on this simple task. We can no longer rely upon our A/V person to do this along with his other duties during worship. Please consider getting involved in this simple but EXTREMELY important way.

Next Week's (4/30) Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: *Louise Webb*
Hospitality Team: *Keith McCutchen Family*
Organist/Pianist: *Joanne Cramer*
Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

If You have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

You can contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org
Email the secretary at
secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

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

- *Prayers for healing of Nikki Pucik after a serious infection*

WOMEN/GIRLS: WE PRAISE YOU GOD FOR BROTHER
FIRE, BY WHOM YOU LIGHT UP THE NIGHT.
HOW HANDSOME HE IS, HOW HAPPY,
HOW POWERFUL AND STRONG.

All: We praise you.

*Men/Boys: We praise you God, for our Sister, Mother
Earth, who nourishes and governs us,
and produces wonderful fruits, flowers and herbs.*

**All: With all the creatures of your Creation,
we praise you!**

***Song** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* **NCH #12**

***Claiming Our Brokenness**

All: You have called Creation "good." Throughout the eons you have been brooding and hovering over the deep to bring forth life. You have fashioned and formed the cosmos and crocus, the majestic and miniscule. Yet, how slow we are to see creation as a manifestation of your holy love. How we have spent and burnt, extracted and polluted, consumed and defiled this sacred trust. In the depths of our hearts, we know we stand on holy ground and so our hearts are broken by our own actions. Forgive us, and reshape us, loving One. Ease our hunger to devour, and fill us with your healing balm, your peace and your compassion. Grant us courage to say "no" to all that despoils, and a resounding "yes" to all that brings life. We pray that your resurrection spirit might move again through us raising us from despair to hope, and from death to life. We pray in the name of the Risen One, Amen.

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.*

***Singing Our Praise 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.*

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Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

After the FF moment children are free to attend Sunday School, or 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 Genesis 2:4-10, 15-22a

***Song** All Things Bright and Beautiful (vs 1 & 3) NCH #31

Mother Nature Video Message

A Reading “Mountain Top Mining” (Inspired by Psalm 121)

A Musical Message Green World by Bryan Sirchio

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

One: People of faith.....We believe God creates.

Many: God spoke. Light and darkness; heaven and earth; land, sea and plants; sun, moon and stars; fish and birds and animals came to be. God spoke and made us. God gave us responsibility to care for creation. God spoke and all life God created is good.

One: We believe God re-creates.

Many: God spoke in the living word, Jesus Christ. At the cross, Christ spent himself to reclaim us from our human brokenness, to shower renewing forgiveness into our lives, and to place us before new horizons of life, lived in harmony with God and people and creation.

One: We believe God caresses.

Many: The Holy Spirit delivers us into a family of faith. The Spirit cultivates in our lives the fruit of holy living: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The Spirit harvests us into the glory of resurrection.

Water Video Message

Home Sweet Home Video Message

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***Song** The Earth Is the Lord's See Screen for Words

***A Blessing**

***Sung Response** In the Bulb There is a Flower NCH #433
(verse 1 only)

***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: Darlene Fezler

Hospitality Team: Randy & Linda Cumming

Organist/Pianist: Ann DeWitz

Sound System: Dick Dietz

Coffee Fellowship: Youth Center

The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship

w/Faith Formation for children

Mon., 4/24

10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

5-8:00 pm Burger Bar @ Maggie's ~

A fundraiser for the Youth Center

Tues., 4/25

6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

1:00 am—3:00 pm Quilting Group

Wed., 4/26

UCC Mission Partners Arrive in Mapleton

Fri., 4/21

10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

Sat., 4/22

11 am—2 pm MN UCC Cluster Gathering

@ 1st Cong'l UCC in Mankato

Sun., 4/30

10:30 am Worship w/UCC Mission

Partners—Q&A after worship

w/Faith Formation for Children

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