

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Our Mission:

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

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

Reading the Palm Sunday Faith Story from Matthew

*Song *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (verses 1-3) NCH #215

*Call to Worship

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Claiming Our Brokenness (in unison)

God of all times and places, we confess we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so, but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not want to be considered fanatics. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to bring God's love to all. We know that includes us. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Unconditional Love and Forgiveness

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Lay Readers—Lisa Shubert, Bruce Stanton, Ginny Kinzie, Pam Foster, Joyce Johnson, Linda Whitney, Carolyn Becker, Darlene Fezler & Louis Webb

Hospitality Team—Darlene Fezler & Lousie Webb

Organist/Pianist—Jola Walker

Sound System—Dick Dietz

Today's **Fellowship Hosts:**

Palm Sunday Brunch for Loaves & Fishes

The United Church News, Announcements & Church Calendar For this Week

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

Pastor Cindy will be in the office

Wednesday-Friday from 10:00 am –2:00 pm

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship/No Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch

Mon., 4/10

7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tues., 4/11

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

1:00 p.m. Quilters

6:30 p.m. Called to Care Grp Mtg.

Wed., 4/12

7:00 p.m. Congregational Relations Mtg.

Thurs., 4/13

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

Sun., 4/16

9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship/
No Faith Formation

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Lay Reader: Karen Stanton

Hospitality Team: Pat Carter & Carolyn Becker

Organist/Pianist: Kathy Byram

Sound System: Dick Dietz

Easter Season Plants

Please purchase and bring in to the church Easter lily, tulip, daffodil or hyacinth plants to beautify our Sanctuary for the Easter season between the dates of **April 9th – Friday, April 14th**. Sign your name on the sheet provided in the nartex for bulletin purposes. Thank you!



Sharing Our Gifts

All adults are invited to share any spare change with the children so they may participate through the offering.

Children are invited to place their offering in the offering basket or the jar.

For the month of **April**, the Mission Jar offerings (from both front and back jars) will go to **Serteen**

Adult Choir

The Old Rugged Cross

*Singing Our Thanks

TUNE: Old Hundreth

*God of our lives whose call comes clear
Through Jesus Christ your presence near.
By Spirit led, your will we heed,
Your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.*

*Blessing Our Gifts

Gracious God, even on a day such as this, when more than any other we contemplate how we have failed to uphold your word and your work, still we offer you these gifts of our hands and our hearts, and pray that you will receive them and use them, that together we might continue to tell the world of your love. Amen.

Message for All of God's Children

Pam Foster

Children of any age are invited to remain in worship with their parents in their pews (**for today's special presentation**), in the Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or in the Nursery (if they are younger than Pre-Kindergarten age).
Worship Bags and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

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

*Song Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (verses 1 & 3 only) NCH #213

Prayer of the People

Joyce Johnson

You are invited to take a "Prayer Requests and Praises" card from the pew rack (in front of you) to write your joys and concerns. These will be collected by the ushers in a short while & shared.

Congregational Response: Hear Our Prayer, O God.

The Passion Story of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew

The Congregation will have parts to say throughout the reading. You will be signaled when to respond with the words found on the screen.

Single verses of the song, *Were You There*, will be sung throughout the reading. These words will be projected as well.

***Closing Song** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded **NCH #226**
(verses 2 & 3 only)

*Blessing to Send Us Forth

Darlene Fezler

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

If You have a Pastoral Emergency or Need ~

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

Please check your weekly bulletin for Pastor Cindy's office hours.

Email secretary at secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org

In Our Prayers This Week



Members living in Care Facilities:

Norma Baack, Kathy Cramer, Irene Cumming, and Alberta Samuelson

Others to hold in our prayers:

- Of healing from bronchitis for my brother
- Safe travels for the Maple River students and chaperones on their band trip to Nashville
- A new great-grandson
- For our eight year old grandson who has Crohn's. We trust in your care God.

Notice: No Faith Formation on Palm Sunday or Easter. No Coffee Hour will be held on Easter Sunday.

Visitors: Please sign the guest book located outside the Sanctuary doors in the entry area. Thank you!