

The United Church of Mapleton

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 12th, 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 and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

***Gathering Song** *"We Gather Together"* **# 81**

*Call to Worship

ONE: Happy are you who are guided by God, who keep the commandments, and seek with your whole hearts.

ALL: *Happy are we for God is steadfast and we feel steadier in God's way.*

ONE: Happy are you when you cast off shame and let your hearts bear God's love openly.

ALL: *We praise you, God, with an upright heart, molded in love, taught by compassion, sustained by the Spirit.*

ONE: Let us praise God with love and happiness. Amen.

*Claiming Our Brokenness and Assurance

All: *Forgive us, O God of Moses, Abba (or Daddy) of Christ, for we have ignored the choices you set before us. We have opted out of our responsibility to see clearly and sought distractions to make our days easier and our futures haphazard. We refuse to see what is laid out before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity. And so we push all of your children towards the latter by refusing to choose the first together. May we not turn our hearts away. Help us to embrace your commandments; melt our hard hearts with compassion. Give us courage to make the choices set before us and to make them in love. Amen.*

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.*

**This week Pastor Cindy will be in the office from
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.**

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

Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.—Noon are the Typical church office hours

TODAY:

9:30 a.m. Worship w/Faith
Formation for our Children

Mon., February 13th: 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tues., February 14th: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wed., February 15th: 7:00 p.m. Congregational Relations

Sun., February 19th

9:30 a.m. Worship w/Faith
Formation for our Children

Lay Reader:

Louise Webb

Fellowship Host(s):

Youth Center

Organist/Pianist:

Ann DeWitz

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- *Norma B., Kathy C., and Alberta S.*

Others to hold in our prayers:

- *Joyce Johnson as she mourns the loss of Wally*
- *For reconciliation in our Nation.*
- *Prayers for Phil, who was just diagnosed with lymphoma. He is the husband of my classmate.*
- *John Harkins, from Methodist Church in Vernon Center, who is near death. This has been very sudden.*
- *Praise and thanksgiving to our wonderful Loaves & Fishes volunteers who continue to give of their time and love.*
- *Prayers of thanks to all for prayers of healing and growth for baby Tyson McPhal. God has been by his side healing him.*
- *Prayers for Donna Webb recovering from surgery.*
- *Prayers for Mary Jacobs recovering from surgery.*

***Assurance of God's Unconditional Love and Forgiveness**

***Sung Response** *"Glory Be to the Father"* **#734**

*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, Amen.*

***Sharing Grace and Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in fellowship.

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 February, the Mission Jar offerings (for both front and back jars) will go to **Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.***

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **#34**

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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

All: O God of blessing and of curse, of life and of death, grant that we might have ears to hear the word of life in Christ with all its stark demand. Enable us to hear good news when Christ asks us to give up our attachment to all earthly values, and give us courage to do so. May these gifts be used in this spirit that we may attain to your blessing. Amen.

Message for All of God's Children

The Children are now free to attend Sunday School.

For children PreK through K please go to Classroom A.

For those in 1st – 5th grades please head to the Youth Room.

Both classrooms are found down the hall upstairs.

Children of any age are invited to remain in worship with their parents in their pews, 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, "The Sunday Paper" 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.

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Choir *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

Scripture *Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-15
& Matthew 5:21-30, 33-37*

Message

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

You are invited to take a "Prayer Requests and Praises" card from the pew rack (in front of you) to write your prayer requests and praises. These will be collected momentarily and shared with the congregation anonymously.

Prayers of the People

The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.***

***Song to Send Us Forth** *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* **#729**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

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Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Pastor—Cindy Mueller
Lay Reader—Darlene Fezler
Hospitality Team Lead—Sharon Shuck
Organist/Pianist—Jola Walker

*Today's Coffee Fellowship Donations will be given to:
Women's Fellowship*

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