

Communion Service

At The United Church of Mapleton, the Communion Table is open to all without restriction. This is not our table, but it is God's, and it is open to all of God's children.

Today, we will participate in communion by intinction.

Intinction is the practice of coming forward to the front of the Sanctuary, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, dipping it into the cup of juice, and receiving the elements at that time.

If you request that the elements to be brought to you in your pew, simply let a Deacon know during the Communion Service and the servers will come to you.

Litany

Isaiah 45:18

Let us remember the glory of the Lord: "For thus says the Lord,

Who created the heavens,

Who is God,

Who formed the earth and made it,

Who has established it,

Who did not create it in vain,

Who formed it to be inhabited:

'I am the Lord, and there is no other.'"

Scripture

Psalm 121

Story

***Song** "How Great Thou Art" #51

*Benediction

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

Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit.

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Our Mission:

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 5th, 2015

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

A Service of Scripture, Story, and Song

For our Call to Worship and Litany readings, please note that regular text is read by the worship leader, **bold** font is read by the congregation, and ***bold italic*** font is read by all.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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!

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

Based on Isaiah 12:4-6

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth!

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst!

Give thanks to God,

and praise the name of the Lord!

Scripture

Revelation 22:1-3

Story

***Song** "Shall We Gather at the River" #522

***Moment of Fellowship**

Children's Moment

Litany *2 Corinthians 3:5*

Let us remember our reliance on the Lord:
"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, **but our sufficiency is from God.**"

Scripture John 15:1-5

Story

***Song** "I Need Thee Every Hour" #476

Mission Moment

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Litany *Matthew 11:28-30*

Let us remember the rest that Jesus offers:
"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest.**

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, **for I am gentle and lowly in heart,**
and you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Scripture John 15:12-17

Story

***Song** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #473

Sharing Prayer Requests and Praises

You are invited to take a Prayer Requests and Praises sheet from the pew rack in front of you to write your prayer requests and praises.

These will be collected by the ushers in a moment and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.

Preparation for Prayer (Moment of Silence)

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Litany *2 Timothy 1:12*

Let us remember our trust in God:
"I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, **and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."**

Scripture 1 John 3:1-3

Story

***Song** "Blessed Assurance" #426

Serving Us Today: Sunday, July 5th, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Reader—Louise Webb
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeters—Robert and Geri Howieson
Head Ushers—Dave and Kathy Byram
Coffee Hour Host—Diaconate

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion and Loaves & Fishes
Food Shelf (*Sanctuary*)
9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (*Fellowship Hall*)

Today's **Call to Worship** is based on materials from *Gathering*, a publication of the United Church of Canada. <http://www.united-church.ca/planning/lectionary#gathering>

All Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of *The Holy Bible*.

All Scriptures included in the responsive Litanies are from the New King James Version (NKJV) of *The Holy Bible*.

All information for the stories related to each hymn are from www.hymnary.org and *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories*, written by Robert J. Morgan, published by Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2003.

The **green paraments** symbolize Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church liturgical year, which is a continuation of the Season of Epiphany that began the Sunday after Epiphany and ended with Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time begins on the Sunday after Pentecost and ends with Reign of Christ Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins. Since it explores the mission of the church, the traditional color for this season is green, symbolizing growth. Ordinary Time also focuses on the important issue of how we can continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Information from ucc.org.*

Worship & Care Connections

Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available at the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the north end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary.

The **Family Space**, located in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, is for our families with infants and small children. This space is available for families in addition to the nursery so that families can both see and hear what's going on in worship.

If you are in need of **wheelchair assistance** on Sunday mornings, please let us know by calling the church office at (507) 524-3141 ahead of time to make arrangements *or* you may have an usher assist you on Sunday morning when you arrive at the church. There is a ramp located on the east side of the church which can be utilized by parking in the east parking lot.

If you or a family member would like a **pastoral care visit** for any reason, or would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please let the church know! Feel free to contact Pastor Ashley, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please call **Karen Stanton at 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727**. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for, and whether you would like your request included in the church's public prayer list or if you'd prefer the request be kept privately within the prayer chain. There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: Maple River Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- The local, regional, and national leaders of the church, including all ministers and missionaries
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living, a nursing home, or who are homebound, and all those who are caregivers
- Those who are grieving and mourning



Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Janie Firstbrook, Aubrielle Howley, David Keller, Stan Solie, Lloyd Mitchell, Jack Madsen
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All who are grieving and mourning
- Kathy Cramer, who recently fell and broke her hip, and will be having surgery this week at St. Mary's Hospital of Rochester

The prayer requests and praises shared with the congregation during last week's worship service include:

Prayers:

- For the family of Don Fezler
- Of happiness and thanks for a safe and healthy birth of Braxxton Fredrick to my great niece Abby Fredrick, born June 21st, 2015. God bless them!

Welcome to The United Church of Mapleton!

This announcement insert includes information about upcoming church, community, and area events. Please also take advantage of the many opportunities listed here to serve our community!

This Week at The United Church of Mapleton

Sunday, July 5th, 2015

Tuesday, July 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, July 8th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Planning Ahead

Monday July 13th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, July 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, July 15th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

Pastor Ashley's cell phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. Her usual weekly schedule includes these times and places. *Monday* Sabbath. *Tuesday* 9:00 -11:00 a.m. church office, noon-1:00 p.m. Preaching Text Study Group, 3:00-5:00 p.m. the Youth Center. *Wednesday* 9:00-10:30 a.m. The Windmill Restaurant (Location for Community Office Hours will change occasionally and be announced here). *Thursday* 9:00 a.m. -noon church office, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Church Bible Study. *Friday* Sermon writing. At other times, she may be making pastoral visits or be serving elsewhere in the community. Please feel free to contact her for a visit or meeting!

Sign-Up for Lay Readers and Ushers

Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. We have begun asking for **Ushers on a weekly basis**, so please sign up on the sheets provided. Thank you in advance for your service.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate.

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Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Today, Sunday, July 5th, 2015 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission on the **first Sunday** of each month.

Invitation to a Renewal of Marriage Vows

In celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, the Mallorys will be renewing their vows on **Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 p.m.** at the United Church of Mapleton. Following the service, they will be hosting an open house reception at Daly Park. This is an open invitation to the church family and they hope you will be able to join them!



Bridal Shower Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend a Bridal Shower honoring Amber Wilde, bride to be of Kyle Fritz on **Sunday, July 19th at 1:30 p.m.** at the United Church Fellowship Hall. Amber is registered at Target and Kohl's. The couple would also enjoy receiving Menards gift cards. Amber would like to have you bring a favorite recipe.

UCM at the Mankato MoonDogs!

Come cheer on the Mankato MoonDogs and enjoy some summer fun and fellowship on Saturday, July 25th at 6:05 p.m.! Discounted reserved seating tickets are available by signing up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office (524-3141). Sign ups will close after worship on Sunday, July 19th. Tickets are \$5 each, or a ticket and meal deal combo (hot dog, chips, soda) is \$10 each. All are welcome!



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Challenge Yourself to End Hunger / Loaves & Fishes

We see an increase in child visits during the summer. When school is out for summer vacation, many children miss out on free school meals and their families turn to us for support.

Last July Maple River Loaves and Fishes had 115 families visit. You can make a difference this year, by donating throughout the month of July.

The more you donate, the larger our food shelf's grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. The challenge funds will proportionally match your donation. Your donation will go farther due to our buying power. For every \$1 you donate, we can purchase \$10 worth of food from our food bank. Thank you Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Hunger Solutions Minnesota.

You can help in a number of ways:

- 1) Mail a donation to: Maple River Loaves and Fishes, PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065.
- 2) Stop by our food shelf, which is located in the back of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mapleton. Our hours are Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00-noon.
- 3) Volunteer your time. Ask for the board member at your local church. Thank you!

Local Missions

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf is open Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Volunteers are always welcome! Please bring donations to church on the first Sunday of each month.

The Maple River Youth Center: The mission jar will be in the back of the Sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month.

June hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:00—5:00 p.m.

July hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00—4:00 p.m. Activity: "Models" will be held every third Thursday of each month.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High. Psalm 92:1

Sunday:

Paul wrote: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39

Loving Savior, you are so amazing! The depth of your eternal love for us was demonstrated on the cross. That you died so we may live is the greatest gift of all. In your name we pray. Amen.

Monday:

God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are. 1 Corinthians 1:28

Gracious God, so many people don't know of you or your sacrifice for us. We pray that you infuse us with the courage to share your word with everyone we meet so that they can also bask in your eternal love. Amen.

Tuesday:

Jesus said, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" Matthew 21:16

Father, you have called the youngest of us to do your work. Help us to understand that our children and young people are an integral part of your kingdom. May we teach them to be still and listen for your voice. Amen.

Wednesday:

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory. Jude 24–25

Good Shepherd, we pray that you continue to protect and guide us all the days of our lives. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. Proverbs 15:13

Lord, when we are hurt, heal our hearts. Help us to share our sorrow with you and to forgive in love as you do. When we do this, the full expression of love becomes evident and you will be able to work through us. In your name we pray. Amen.

Friday:

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. Psalm 23:2–3

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life." John 10:27–28

Savior, we are blessed to have you as our Shepherd! You find us when we stray and return us to the fold. It is unimaginable to not have you in our lives. May you continue to guide us the rest of our days. Amen.

Saturday:

Upon him was the punishment that made us whole. Isaiah 53:5

Christ himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness. 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

Eternal Savior, thank you for your sacrifice. We are able to live because you died for our sins. May we continue to follow the path of righteousness so that we refrain from going astray. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts