

***Closing Hymn**

“We Come as Guests Invited” #702

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit.

Service Notes

The **paraments** are white during the Easter season (which is from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday) to invite the church to remember that, instead of finding a sealed tomb, the women who came at dawn on Easter Sunday were surprised by an angel who announced astonishing news: "Jesus has been raised from the dead!" (Mt 28:7) The heavenly messenger invited the mourners on that day as well as Christians of all time to see the empty tomb and then go and tell the world that the Crucified One is alive!

Information from ucc.org

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary. Sunday School is available for children PreK– 5th grade after the Message for God’s Children, and children can meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary at that time. Children’s Worship Bags with creative supplies are available in the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

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Communion by intinction is the practice where the person receiving Communion takes the bread and partially dips it into the wine or juice before receiving the elements on his/her own. Intinction is practiced at The United Church in the summer months, while plates containing the two elements in separate containers are passed throughout the Sanctuary during the rest of the year.

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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, June 1, 2014

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather in this place, some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken,

Many: longing for the Holy Spirit to sustain us.

One: We come, with other ordinary people, others who have shown us the way,

Many: trusting that God will continue to shepherd our hearts.

One: We surround the Table of grace so we might be fed by the Bread of life;

Many: that blessed, we may serve others; that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

One: Come, all God’s people!

All: Let us worship the Lord together!

***Opening Hymn**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” #323

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Gloria Patri**

“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!

***Moment of Fellowship**

Message for God’s Children

Mission Moment

Laura Fritz

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**

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.

***Hymn**

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ” #475

Scripture

John 17:1-11 (NRSV)

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Praying with Christ”

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 pastor will come to you.

Serving Us Today: Sunday, June 1st, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Leader—Robert Clark
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeters—Delbert and Ella Conrad
Head Usher—
Coffee Hour Host—Diaconate

About Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion and Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections (*Sanctuary*)
9:00-10:30 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m. Called to Care Session 1

Our **Scripture Response** honors the ways in which we know and receive the Word of God: through Scripture, in community, and through our personal faith in God. Thanks be to God!

Our **Call to Worship** today is by Thom Shuman at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

The **flower arrangement** on the altar is in honor of Irene Cumming-Foster's 95th birthday.

Adult, Youth and Children's **Sunday School** are now on break for the summer. We will resume all classes in the fall.

In Our Prayers

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

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Bill Brice, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Lorraine Stanton
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- Hutch Cramer, who is recovering from hip surgery at the Mapleton Community Home
- Norma Baack, who is recovering at Oak Lawn Nursing Home in Mankato after a recent fall and hospitalization
- Benjamin Brockmann of Lake Crystal, age 6, a family friend of the Allevens, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- Isaac Kolstad, who suffered a severe head injury early on May 11th in Mankato, and who is currently hospitalized in critical condition. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson. You may visit Isaac's Caring Bridge site at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/isaackolstad>.
- Louis Fritz, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Louie is now home from the hospital where he underwent testing, including a biopsy. Treatment will begin soon.

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, June 1st, 2014

Tuesday, June 3rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, June 4th, 7:00 p.m. Called to Care Session 2

Planning Ahead

Sunday, June 8th, 10:00 a.m. Called to Care Session 2

Monday, June 9th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, June 10th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

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Head Ushers Needed

The United Church is in need of Head Ushers for the months June through October. Please consider signing up to help by calling the church office at 524-3141.

Prayer Chain

The United Church Prayer Chain is now active! If you have a prayer request, please call Karen Stanton at (507) 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for if applicable, and whether or not 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.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Official Board has endorsed proposed Constitutional amendments to be voted on by the congregation as a whole. These amendments mainly concern membership clarifications, numbers of committee/board members, and board/committee member terms. A special meeting for consideration of these amendments has been called for Sunday, July 20th immediately after worship in the Sanctuary.

The proposed amendments are available in hard copy in the narthex and online at www.unitedchurchmapleton.org under the "Resources" tab. If you have any questions, please speak to Dick Dietz, Moderator.

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Sunday Morning Wheelchair Assistance

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 it is too difficult for you to push a wheelchair up the ramp, please feel free to contact an Usher or Deacon for assistance.

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, I may be in the office, or I may be out in the community for pastoral care or outreach. If you'd like to stop by to visit another time, just email or call. Monday and Saturday are my days off.

My email address is: pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. If I'm not in the office, my phone number is (507) 381-8199.

Pastoral Care Connections

If you or a family member is ill, in the hospital, is homebound, 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 to let us know so that we may serve you.

The church phone number is (507) 524-3141 and Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199. Thank you!

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Mapleton VBS Supplies Needed

In order to keep the cost of VBS supplies as low as possible for the Mapleton area churches that are part of VBS this year (United, St. Teresa's, St. John, Faith, Beauford UMC), we are asking for donations of materials for the fun, new "science experiment" section of VBS this year! If you have any of these materials you'd be willing to donate, or would be willing to pick some things up to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

This year, Mapleton VBS is June 16th—20th from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in Heritage Park, so please drop off donations into the marked box in the Narthex on or before Sunday, June 15th. Thank you for your help in making this year's VBS great for the kids of Mapleton!

VBS Science Materials Needed

Small paper disposable cups
Thin, clear plastic cups
Real lemon juice
Q-tips
Diet Coke (small 8 oz. bottles)
Mint flavored Mentos
Disposable aluminum baking pans (approx. 6 total)
Twine or sturdy string
Ribbon, Empty thread spools
Empty clear water/pop bottles (approx. 12 oz size)
Vegetable oil
Effervescent antacid tablets (such as Alka-Seltzer)
Food coloring, Potting soil
Mustard seeds, Sandwich size Ziploc-style bags
Baking soda, Vinegar
Coffee filters, Sugar
White glue, Borax or liquid starch
Glow paint (available at craft stores near craft paint)

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The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center is closed
for the summer.



The Well Youth Center

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Call Sheila at (507) 995-8194.

The Well upcoming fundraisers that need adult help are:

Monday, June 2nd, 11:00—1:30 p.m.: A Salad Luncheon will be held at The Well location.

Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th,
11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.: Town and Country Days Food Booth at The Well location

Sunday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.: Tractor Pull Food Booth

Friday, July 11th and Saturday July 12th,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Dietz Brat Wagon

Saturday morning, July 26th: Community Closet fundraiser

Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Dietz Brat Wagon

Saturday morning, August 23rd: Community Closet fundraiser

Loaves & Fishes

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!



Community Closet

Open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—Noon.
If you have a non-profit group that would like to take advantage of profits from the Closet, please call Gay Rice at (507) 524-4040 for more information.

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Silent Auction—Town and Country Days

Your donated Silent Auction items may be new, slightly used, home-made or theme baskets which are very popular. On your donated item, please write your name, a suggested value, and who you wish the donation to be given to (either the United Church, T&C Committee, etc.). We receive the money from the items sold less 10% for the T&C organization. Deadline for the items is Tuesday, June 10th. Either bring them to the church and place in the marked box in the dining hall or call Joyce for pick up.

We also need to have 4 workers. At the present time I have Mary Beth Fritz, Ruth Cumming and myself. We need one more volunteer to help.

Thank you for your contributions. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Johnson at 524-3727.

Quilts Needed for T & C Days

The Town and Country Days Committee is in need of quilts to be displayed at their Quilt Show. The quilts will be on display at St. Teresa's from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13th, and 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., and 5:00—7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14th. Rita Caron may be contacted at 524-4234 for any questions.



T & C Days Pancake Breakfast

A Pancake breakfast will be held during Town and Country Days on Sunday, June 15th from 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the City Park by the Mapleton Public Library. This breakfast is sponsored by the Mapleton Town and Country Days Committee and Mapleton Odd Fellows.



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Called to Care Visitation Training

One of the goals and needs that came out of our visioning process was a trained lay pastoral care visitation team to help make sure that all of our at-home members and members with long-term care needs receive the care and support they deserve from The United Church. Pastor Ashley will be leading training sessions based on the “Called to Care” curriculum for all who would like to become caregivers in this context. The Diaconate will coordinate this ministry with Pastor Ashley. There are five training sessions, and caregivers will need to attend all five sessions to be commissioned. Each hour-long training session will be offered twice: once on a Sunday after worship and once on a Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Session One: Wednesday 5/28, Sunday 6/1

Session Two: Wednesday 6/4, Sunday 6/8

Session Three: Wednesday 6/18, Sunday 6/22

Session Four: Wednesday 6/25, Sunday 6/29

Session Five: Wednesday 7/2, Sunday 7/6

If you have any questions or are interested in Called to Care, please talk to Pastor Ashley or Ruth Cumming. Thank you!

Mid-America Baptist Women and

AB Girls Conference

The Mid-America Baptist Women and AB Girls Conference “A Time to Serve” will be held June 27—28, 2014 at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. Pastor Ashley will be the Bible Study Leader at this year's conference.

If you are interested in attending, a flyer is posted on the bulletin board along with brochures for the taking.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Psalm 66:1-2

Sunday:

The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes. Psalm 119:64

Heavenly Lord, your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging. May we feel your love in all we do, Lord, and remind us daily of your presence in our heart. Amen.

Monday:

Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." Matthew 7:24

Holy God, help us to build our faith upon rock. We ask you, Lord, that with our faith on solid ground the words in our mouths may speak directly from our hearts. Amen.

Tuesday:

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. Acts 9:36

Gracious Lord, thank you for the hands with which we work and the feet with which we walk. May we use the gifts that you have given us to bless our neighbors. Amen.

Wednesday:

You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit. Job 10:12

Merciful Lord, our lives are in your hands. Guide our hearts and encourage our minds to follow you all of our days. Preserve in us, Lord, the way of your light. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Jesus said to the woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." Matthew 9:22

God, what is it that you ask of us? Take our possessions, Lord. Take our hearts, our lives, everything into your hands and bless us today and evermore. Amen.

Friday:

The Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. Isaiah 52:9

God, send your spirit to all the people of this world. We pray that those lost in darkness feel your presence. Allow us to help them find your true love and redemption. Amen.

Saturday:

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26

Creating God, help us to stand tall. May we be firm in our faith even when we face true challenges. Lord, be within us, calming and still. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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