

The United Church of Mapleton

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 13th, 2016

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Prelude

Welcome

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!

Call to Ministry

***Call to Worship**

Based on Isaiah 65

One: We long for you to create new heavens and a new earth.

Many: O God, help us to be glad and rejoice in what you are creating.

One: We are impatient as we long for peace!

Many: Help us to be friends rather than enemies. Help us to see the good in each other rather than the evil. We praise the name of the Prince of Peace your son, Jesus our Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” #661

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Gloria Patri**

Sung a whole step lower than printed in hymnal

“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: God's Word is a word of forgiveness, assurance, and grace.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Many: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in fellowship.

Invitation to Worship Through Offerings

All adults are invited to share any spare change they may have with the children nearest them so that all may participate in worshiping through the offering.

*Children are invited to place their offering in the offering basket or come to the front of the Sanctuary and place it in the jar. For the month of **November**, the Mission Jar offerings (for both front and back jars) will go to **Jackson Foster Care Home**.*

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**

Message for God's Children

Sunday School for children Pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten is available in Classroom A, down the hall from the Sanctuary. Sunday School for 1st – 5th grades is available downstairs in Classroom B.

All children may remain in their pews during worship, use the Pray Ground up front, or Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or use 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.

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 momentarily and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.

Preparation for Prayer (Moment of Silence)

Prayers of the People

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**

“Be Still My Soul” #451

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 21:5-19 (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

***Closing Hymn**

“God Be With You” #716

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Lisa Shubert

Hospitality Team Lead—Stan Whitney

Organist/Pianist—Joanne Cramer

Coffee Fellowship Host—Women's Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Care (*in Nursery/Toddler Room*)

9:30-10:00 a.m. PreK—Kin Sunday School (*Classroom A—upstairs*)

9:30-10:00 a.m. 1st—5th grade Sunday School (*Classroom B—downstairs*)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

The *Call to Worship* is from Rev. Walter Bruggemann

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 13th, 10:00 a.m. **Congregational Annual Budget Proposal and Election meeting**

Monday, November 14th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m. **Church Council**

Saturday, November 19th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Kilties dance practice

Monday, November 21st, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter items due into office!

Contact Information

If you have a **pastoral need**, please contact Ava Adams-Morris at (507)380-7233. Ava will be our pulpit supply pastor during our transition time. Thank you Ava!

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Maple River Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Jackson Foster Care Home
- 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
- Those affected by mental illness, including anxiety and depression

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma B., Kathy C., Janie F., Jeannie J., Phyllis L., Marian M., Lloyd M., Stan S., Donna W., Rev. Bill B.
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Eli A., Larry B., Jack M., Sean M.
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East



The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- For my dad, Bill Brice who is recovering from pneumonia. Please pray that he will have strength to go through rehabilitation successfully.
- For healing for Tyson McPhal, infant son of Chris McPhal, family friend of Sharon Shuck
- For safe hunting for our hunters
- For our friends son Curtis Bressler, who was involved in a hunting accident. May he feel even the slightest feeling in his legs, as they do more testing on Monday.
- For Bebo Getchell who has cancer. Bebo is a seven year old in first grade in Wells.
- And blessings for Pastor Ashley, Jeff and Isaac, as they travel to their new church home.
- For Stan Gartner as he heals from severe burns

Thanksgiving:

- And praise for the new marriage of Kameron and Leanna Duncanson

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Jesus says, “For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

Sunday:

You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. James 5:8

With each waking day, great I Am, purify and guard our hearts. Clothe us in your armor from the crowns of our heads to the soles of our feet. Until you return, may we be unshaken, unmoved by every false wind. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Monday:

God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Romans 8:32

Hosanna, the love of God made flesh. Hosanna, God’s agape, highest of praise, be unto you. May your praise never cease from our lips. May we glorify you in our going and our coming, in our good times and bad. Alleluia! Amen.

Tuesday:

He stands at the right hand of the needy, to save them from those who would condemn them to death. Psalm 109:31

Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.
Hebrews 2:11

Loving God, we thank you for the saints in our lives, for those who have entered into your more immediate presence, and for those still with us. For all the saints we give you thanks, in Christ’s name. Amen.

Wednesday:

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Jesus, help us to have a spirit of service instead of one of being served. Guide us to help those who need you. Use us today as the hands and feet of your kingdom. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
Romans 11:2

God of love, thank you for not rejecting us; thank you for loving us as we are, for being who you are, and for saving us from our transgressions. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Friday:

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1–2

Most holy God, keep us vigilant in seeking you. Give us the strength and faith to trust wholly in you and to keep our eyes fixed upon you as we run the race that is perfect in your will. All glory is yours, O Father. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Saturday:

Continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard.
Colossians 1:23

Gracious Lord, as we go about this day we pray that you will be with us and help us to tell your story of glory in all that we do and say. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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The United Church News and Announcements Sunday, November 13th

Congregational Budget and Election Meeting will be held **today** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship service.

Mission Collection Jars for November: Jackson Foster Home

Christmas Decorating Party!

A fun-filled time of fellowship for all of the church! Everyone, and all ages, are invited to participate in helping decorate the church for the Christmas season after worship service on **Sunday, November 20th**. Please bring a food item to share (sandwiches, salad, etc.) and enjoy a light lunch together.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and Choir

The 2016 Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday, November 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at Beauford United Methodist Church. A collection will be taken to be given to a local mission.

A community choir will be formed for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service. There will be only **one** rehearsal which will be held Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m. at Beauford United Methodist Church. Please join us! All interested singers are welcome!

UCM “Live Nativity” Snowflake Dazzle Event

Everyone is invited to participate in the United Church **Live Nativity** for Snowflake Dazzle on **Wednesday, November 30th**. We will meet at the United Church at 5:30 to get costumes on. We will ride the float to the parade route, end at the Fire Hall for the tree lighting, then back to church. Please contact Marissa at 381-5220 to volunteer and questions.

Call to Ministry and Ministry Table

If you would like to share a **Call to Ministry** at the beginning of worship, please contact Marissa Pfeffer or the church office no later than Wednesday evening before that Sunday. The same timeline is requested for bulletin or Ministry Table information. The Call to Ministry time will be reserved for one announcement that is both informational and a call to action and should be directly related to The United Church of Mapleton’s mission and ministry.

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Jackson Foster Care Home

The Jacksons now have eleven (11) teenage girls in their home. An “items of need list” can be found in the entryway, underneath the Ministry Table. Please leave donated items in box provided. **Thank you so much for your generosity** in helping out this home. Most of all, please keep praying for these girls and their families. Thank you! Any Questions, please contact Sheila Samuelson.

Holiday Boxes!

Maple River Loaves & Fishes will be packing **Thanksgiving** food boxes again this year. Please volunteer and stop by **Sunday, November 13th at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Teresa Catholic Church.

Maple River Loaves & Fishes will be packing **Christmas** food boxes again this year. Please volunteer and stop by **Sunday, December 11th at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Teresa Catholic Church.

Remember, for every dollar you donate, Loaves & Fishes is able to by \$10.00 worth of food. Our mailing address is PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065.

Treats For Troops

Packing of boxes for Treats for Troops will be held **Saturday, November 19th, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Mapleton**. You may place your donated items in the Treats for Troops box in the Narthex area. Currently we have enough oatmeal. There are shopping lists available by the box in the Narthex. **Please have items to the church Narthex by Friday, November 18th**. There is always great need for monetary funds to help cover shipping costs.

We received a thank you letter from a Navy Master at Arms, Petty Officer 3rd class, at Offutt Air force Base, in Nebraska. He’s on guard duty for 14-hour night shifts, and he said, “Thank you for spending time and putting together the care package. Reading and playing those games helps pass the time.” He especially appreciated the drawings included which were done by local 3rd graders. Interestingly, this young man is a 2012 graduate of Lake Crystal Welcome Memorial! **Note:** Nothing with chocolate or peanut butter can be shipped.