

The United Church of Mapleton

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 20th, 2016

Reign of Christ Sunday

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

Pam Foster

***Call to Worship**

One: We come to you O God for you are our refuge and our strength in the storm.

Many: *You are with us so there is nothing we shall fear.*

One: Help us to return to you, O God.

Many: *And renew the spirit within us.*

One: We hear your command "Be still, and know that I am God!"

Many: *Help us to await the coming of your Son.*

One: We join together as the Body of Christ to exalt you in worship and prayer.

All: *Let us worship God!*

***Opening Hymn**

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come" #721

***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 upstairs in the Youth Room.

All children may remain in their pews during worship, 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**

“For the Fruit of All Creation” #723

Scripture Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 1:68-79; Luke 23:33-43 (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**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #154

***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—Joyce Johnson
Hospitality Team Lead—Shubert family
Organist/Pianist—Ann DeWitz
Coffee Fellowship Host—Youth Center

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 (*Youth Room*)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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Church Calendar

Sunday, November 20th, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Decorating Party!
Monday, November 21st, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter items due into office!
Tuesday, November 22nd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Sunday, November 27th, First Sunday of Advent!
Tuesday, November 29th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, November 29th, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes workday
Wednesday, November 30th, 5:30 p.m. UCM Live Nativity!

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:

- Rev. Bill Brice, as he transitions to nursing care at Masonic Homes. Please pray for his continued rehabilitation after pneumonia.
- For healing of Tyson McPhal, infant son of Chris McPhal, family friend of Sharon Shuck, who is still recovering in the hospital after many surgeries
- For the people of our nation as we all adjust to the aftermath of the election. We pray for greater understanding of one another and that a spirit of love, not hate, will prevail.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. Job 19:25

Sunday:

When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?
Luke 18:8

Father, in all of our transgressions you show mercy; you know each of us as we are. We prepare for you until you return. Amen.

Monday:

Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness. 2 Timothy 2:19

Great I Am, as we enter into this day we pray that you will keep us true in word, thought, and deed. Be with us and let us forever be reflections of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Tuesday:

When your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9

Lord, as we await your coming in sure and certain hope, keep us ever focused in faith and love until you return from above. In your name we pray. Amen.

Wednesday:

Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. James 1:19

Spirit of light and love, we beg for the courage to change our ways. Give us strength for the hard work of it all. Break open our proud hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

God, I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night. Psalm 63:6

Father, our trust and rest lie in you. We look to you for guidance in what you would have us do. Be our guide, O Lord. Amen.

Friday:

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Matthew 13:45–46

Lord, help us to know that your kingdom is worth more than all the riches of the earth. Let the material world around us not dissuade us from the ultimate treasure of your glory. Amen.

Saturday:

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5–6

Father, we will praise you, O Lord among the nations; we will sing unto you among the heavens. Glorious, everlasting are you, our God! Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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Mission Collection Jars for November: Jackson Foster Home

Christmas Decorating Party Today!

A fun-filled time of fellowship for all of the church! Everyone, 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.

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

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.

Poinsettia Plants for Homebound

The Women’s Fellowship has poinsettia plants ready in the narthex to be given out to our homebound congregants. **Please pick up one today (anyone from the congregation), deliver it to the person whose name is on the card, and have a nice visit!** Thank you for sharing yourself and spreading joy in this wonderful season of Advent and Christmas!

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Craft, Vendor, & Bake Sale

St. John will be hosting a Craft, Vendor, & Bake Sale during Snowflake Dazzle on **Wednesday, November 30th**. St. John Youth will be serving free hot cocoa and accepting non-perishable food and/or monetary donations for the Maple River Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.

Holiday Boxes!

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.

Poinsettia Plants for Ambience

Please bring your donated poinsettia plants to the church at anytime and place by the altar. Thank you for helping decorate our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season!

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.

Paraments

The **paraments** (*cloths on the pulpit and lectern*) are white today for Reign of Christ Sunday. The color white symbolizes hope, joy, and the resurrection as the church celebrates the lordship and eternal reign of Jesus Christ in our lives.