

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” #590

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.\**

**Service Notes**

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.*

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.

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

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 (located at the north end of the hallway on the Sanctuary level) so that families can both see and hear what’s going on in worship. Feel free to use either space if it would be helpful for you and your family!

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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, November 2nd, 2014

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints’ Day

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Based on Psalm 149*

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many: Sing to the Lord a new song!**

One: Praise God in the fellowship of the saints.

**Many: Let the people of God rejoice in their Creator.**

One: Let all the saints worship in joy;

**Many: let them cry out with gladness forever.**

One: Let praises of God be in their mouths:

**Many: word and song that overcome evil,**

One: bringing justice to them, and honor to all God’s faithful.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Rejoice in God’s Saints” #531

**\*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!

**\*Moment of Fellowship**

**Message for God’s Children**

*Children are invited to attend Sunday School after the  
Message for God’s Children or return to their pews. Children’s  
Worship Bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

**Mission Moment**

Jon Klenk

**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**

**All Saints’ Day Memorial Liturgy**

*Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “All Saints’ Day  
Memorial Liturgy” and join in the responsive readings.*

**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**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #84

**Scripture**

Isaiah 25:1-9 (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**

“This Is Our God”

**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 passing two  
sets of plates that contain the elements of bread and juice. Please  
hold each element until all have been served so that we may  
celebrate communion together after each element has been shared.*

## Serving Us Today: Sunday, November 2nd, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker  
Lay Leader—Joyce Johnson  
Organist—Jola Walker  
Greeter—Carolyn Becker  
Head Usher—Bob Shubert  
Coffee Hour Host—Diaconate

### About Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion and Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections (*Sanctuary*)  
9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),  
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)  
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (*PreK-5th Grade*)  
Classroom A, upstairs  
10:10-10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School (*6th-12th Grade*)  
Youth Lounge, upstairs  
10:10-10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Classroom B, downstairs

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 © Jeff Shrowder 2003 at thebillabong.info.

## The United Church News and Announcements Sunday, November 2nd, 2014

### 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](mailto: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!

## **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: Norma Baack, Shirley Bowen, Hutch Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS, including the many people and groups involved in its planning and leadership.
- Benjamin Brockmann of Lake Crystal, age 6, a family friend of the Allevens, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- Isaac Kolstad, who continues to recover from a serious head injury, has now advanced to an outpatient recovery center. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson.
- Dawn Dietz, who learned that her lymphoma has recurred. Dawn's chemotherapy treatment will likely begin in late October.
- Norma Baack, who is recovering from a broken hip at the Masonic Home of Bloomington, MN.

## **In Our Prayers Continued...**

- Jonathan Ziert, of Mankato, the president of Greater Mankato Growth and the boss of Jack Madsen's grandson, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer
- Kathy Cox, who had shoulder surgery on Wednesday
- For Lee Severtson, son-in-law of Joe and Sheila Samuelson, who had a heart attack a week ago
- Marge Walters, who recently fell and is recovering at the Mapleton Community Home

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

#### **Prayers:**

- And praise to God for our daughter, Jeni, and her fiancé, Jeremy, as they start to plan for their new life together
- For our friend Marie-Lize and her fiancé, Jon, as they move to the Cities and start a new chapter in their life together
- For a dear friend in Mountain Lake, Annette Dick, who is suffering due to issues with heart trouble

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**2 Buck Wednesday**

Come in and dine on **Wednesday, November 5th, 11:30 a.m., at our Mapleton Senior Dining**, located at the Town and Leisure Center for \$2 meal of Chicken Ala King catered by Ecumen of Mapleton and sponsored by Pioneer Bank of Mapleton. All Seniors 60+ are welcome!

Please contact your local Senior Dining site manager Darlene Fezler before October 28th at 524-4868, to let them know you will be in attendance.

**Turkey Dinner**

Grace United Methodist church of Vernon Center will host a Turkey Dinner **Tuesday, November 4th** from 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, pies and beverages. Cost: Adult—\$9.50; ages 5 through 10 years—\$5.00; under 5 years—free.

Take outs are available by calling (507) 549-3162.

**Burger Basket Night**

St. Casimir School will host a Burger Basket Night on **Friday, November 7th, 2014** from 5:00 p.m. at Wells VFW Club, 25 South Broadway, Wells, MN.

Cost is \$6.00 for burger and chips basket. You may dine in or take out. There will also be baked sale items available.

This event is sponsored by Wells VFW with proceeds to the St. Casimir School.

**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, November 2nd, 2014**

Tuesday, November 4th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, November 5th, 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out  
planning meeting

**Wednesday, November 5th, 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Ed.**

Thursday, November 6th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, November 8th, 9:00—11:30 a.m. Kilties practice

**Planning Ahead**

Monday, November 10th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, November 11th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Dinner,  
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 12th, 8:00—Noon MRHS Plan Test,  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons**

**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf**

**Today, Sunday, November 2nd, 2014** we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of each month.

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**Nominating Committee**

It is that time of year when we need to fill positions on several boards. Please start praying about where you could be of assistance to your church! We need one person to serve as Nominating Committee and a Church Clerk. If you feel you can serve in any of these areas, please contact a member of the Nominating committee: Ella Conrad, Laura Fritz or Jola Walker. **An up-to-date ballot is posted on the church bulletin board.**

**Chili Cook-off!**

Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction, **Sunday evening, November 23.** Details to follow but mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Competition entries will be accepted and are open to the community. All proceeds will benefit Cows for Christmas “Heifer International.

**Church on the Move**

All of our church members are invited to attend the Minnesota Conference UCC’s **Church on the Move** at Associated Church, 800 Havana Rd, Owatonna, MN on November 8th, from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m.

Listen to a compelling keynote on just what makes a church a thriving church from Rev. Rick Wagner! Thriving churches make a difference in people’s live. How is your church making that difference?

Registration fee is \$10/person which includes lunch. Bring a team of 5 and your fifth person comes at no cost.

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**Community Closet**

The Community Closet is having a very busy fall. Lots of donations and lots of merchandise going out each week. We will continue our \$3 bag sale on clothing and shoes. By moving more clothing at such a great savings, we are able to have a more rapid turnover in clothing. We had a good run on Halloween items and costumes and now we are ready for the Holiday season. We have lots of decorations as well as Holiday clothing and gifts. We appreciate all the donations that we receive and are so grateful for all the groups that keep the Closet open on Saturdays.

Just a reminder that we can not take any electronics or furniture. If you are able, please take your donated items to the top of the stairs and place in front of the door to the left. Thanks for all your support.

**American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa’s Catholic Church Monday November 10th from 1:00—7:00 p.m.

Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286 or sign-up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter sponsor code: 017145. Thank you for your support!

**Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, 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.

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**Baby Shower**

An Open House Baby Shower will be held for Pastor Ashley and Jeff Whitaker on **Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m.—Noon** in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church.



The Whitakers are registered at Target and Babies R Us.

**Veteran's Dinner and Program**

The Veteran's Dinner will be held **Tuesday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m. at The United Church of Mapleton Fellowship Hall.**

Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the Plaid Piper or by calling Amy Gabler, 524-4828; or Arleen Hanson, 524-4602. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, November 7th.**

**Treats For Troops**

Packing of boxes for Treats for Troops will be held **Saturday, November 8th, 9:00 a.m.** at St. John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. You may pick up a Treats for Troops shopping list by the designated box in the Narthex. **Please have items to the church Narthex Wednesday, November 5th by noon.**

**Ecumenical Choir**

We invite you to participate in the Ecumenical Choir which will sing during the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. The Ecumenical Choir will practice Wednesday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 19th, 7:15 p.m. in the St. John Church Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

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**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!



**Holiday Boxes are back!**

It's that time of year and in the holiday spirit, Maple River Loaves & Fishes will again be handing out Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. In these boxes are a complete meal, including a turkey or ham and all the trimmings plus dessert.

We will be packing the boxes on November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at St. Teresa's and handing them out on November 18 from 3-6 pm and December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm at St. Teresa's in Mapleton. We can always use volunteers to help!

The cost for the boxes is \$40/box and we anticipate handing out over 120 this year for each holiday. Please consider sponsoring a box (or several) this holiday season.

Thank you for your generous support for our food shelf. God Bless!

**The Well Youth Center**

The Well Youth Center open hours will continue as follows: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00—5:00 p.m.



**Free Community Breakfast**

On the second Saturday of each month, everyone in the community is invited to a free breakfast held at St. John Lutheran Church from 8:30—10:30 a.m. This is a great way to connect with friends, neighbors and meet people who are new to the community. Hope to see you Saturday morning **November 8th!**

## **Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion**

**Scripture for the Week:** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:2

### **Sunday:**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Patient Lord, when we do not understand the events of life that trouble us, let us turn to you in prayer. Change our sorrows into joy. Give us the courage to show our thanks in all circumstances. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.  
Jeremiah 3:23

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.  
Mark 1:34

Christ our Savior, be with the needy and sick of this world. Help our congregations to reach out and be a blessing to those in our community. Use us to bring them the wonderful news of salvation so the number of your believers will multiply. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

Paul wrote to the congregation in Corinth: I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

1 Corinthians 2:3-4

Spirit of God, clothe us in the power of your word. Kindle our hearts to burn with the truth of your gospel. Send us your Spirit that we may be strengthened in our Christian faith. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame. Psalm 25:1-2

The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.  
Luke 19:10

## **Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion**

### **Wednesday continued:**

Seeker of the lost, grant us the courage to rise out of our comfortable pews and go into the world sharing the good news. Send your refreshing spirit upon our churches that we may add to your kingdom. Amen.

### **Thursday:**

Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:17

Lord, help us to understand and accept your will. Open our hearts to see the many answers to our prayers that you have given us. Thank you for your spiritual presence in our lives and let us be living witnesses for Jesus. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Paul wrote: Our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Holy Spirit, as we worship you today may our hearts be filled with vigor and determination. You call each one of us to work for your kingdom. May we answer the call with joy and stand ready to serve. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish. Psalm 9:18

Jesus said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Luke 6:20

Lord, help us to give hope and a helping hand to those afflicted by the woes of this world such as poverty, illness, and addiction. May we, your children, answer the call to help in the soup kitchens, clothing drives, medical clinics, and everywhere we are needed. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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