

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.

All of our Communion elements are gluten free. A pastoral blessing is available if you or your child(ren) choose to not receive Communion today.

***Hymn**

“As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought” #570

Release of Covenant and Liturgy of Farewell

Please turn to this bulletin insert and join in the responsive readings.

***Closing Hymn**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #393

***Benediction**

Postlude

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



Pray Ground

Children ages 3—8 may sit up front for the beginning of the service until the Children’s Message. There will be an adult with the children. After the Message, children may go to their Sunday school class or join their family for the remainder of the worship service.

Mission Collection Jars for November: *Jackson Foster Home*

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections: *Today!*

The United Church of Mapleton
Order of Worship

Sunday, November 6th, 2016

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

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

Guitar Group

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 Psalm 149

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: Sing to the Lord a new song.

One: Praise God among the communion of saints.

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

One: Let them praise the Lord with dance,

Many: and celebrate with musical instruments,

One: because the Lord delights in them,

Many: and adorns the despairing with wellbeing.

One: Let all the saints jump for joy;

Many: let them cry out with gladness where they rest.

One: Let high praises of God be in their throats:

Many: word and song that overcome injustice,

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

All: Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” #590

***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

Guitar Group

***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.

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 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**

“Rejoice in God’s Saints” #531

Scripture

Luke 6:20-31 (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

“Blessed”

Communion Service

Guitar Group

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.

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Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Hugo John

Hospitality Team Lead—Ron Conrad

Organist/Pianist—Jan Lange

Guitar/Vocals—Laura F., Marissa P., Sheila S.

Coffee Fellowship Host—Women's Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion and Loaves & Fishes
Food Shelf Collections

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*)

10:00-11:00 a.m. 6th —12th grade Sunday School (*Youth Room*)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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Today's *All Saints Memorial Liturgy* is by Rev. Rebecca Littlejohn.

Today's *Release of Covenant and Liturgy of Farewell* is from
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All Saints Day is a solemn holiday of the Christian liturgical calendar, celebrated annually on November 1st or on the closest Sunday. In many churches, the word "saints" refers to all Christians and therefore, on All Saints Day, the saints of the church universal, as well as the members of a local congregation who have recently passed away, are honored and remembered.

Church Calendar

Tuesday, November 8th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Saturday, November 12th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Kilties dance practice

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**

Friday, November 18th, 6:00 p.m. Party of 8 Fellowship Event

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

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.
- 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
- Bill B., who is undergoing treatment for a stroke and pneumonia

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- For the ongoing earthquake situation in Italy—Will and Maria B. are in Italy visiting and have felt the tremors; also pray for their safety.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Jesus says, “All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”
Luke 18:14

Sunday:

They will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Mark 13:26

Holy of Holies are you, Lord. Though you are the Lord of all creation, you humbly assumed the lowliest of duties for our sake. We give you thanks for the ways you meet us each day; until we shall meet face-to-face. Amen.

Monday:

He is our peace. Ephesians 2:14

We are grateful for your peace which surpasses all understanding. Peace of Christ, comfort us amidst the storms of life; intercede on our behalf, grant us wisdom, and lead us in all your truth. Alleluia to the Source of peace. Amen.

Tuesday:

The mystery from which true godliness springs is great: he appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory. 1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

Lord, we believe that you are excited to share your wonders with us, so that we, together, may marvel at your infinite power and the beauty of your hands. Help us to believe the unbelievable and to not be ashamed to be perceived as fools. Amen.

Wednesday:

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

As the days and years edge on, help us, Lord, to not be weary and to not faint. Let our zeal for you never run dry. Daily renew us by the power of your Spirit. Let us by your power and strength finish the race. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.

Zechariah 7:10

We command our beings to submit to your authority, Lord Jesus. Where there is evil, blot it out and fill those spaces with your Holy Spirit. Fill us to be fruitful members of your body, and thereby equip others to be likewise. Amen.

Friday:

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Psalms 105:4

Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1

Humbly we come before your throne of grace, O Lord, seeking all that you are, O God. For without you we are but dust. Silence now our hearts and minds in order that we might hear you even in marrow. Amen.

Saturday:

Jesus said, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant.” Mark 10:42–43

We have one Lord, who is the only true and living God, in Jesus Christ. We rebuke anything that seeks to take the place of Christ in our lives. Jesus, you are the solid rock on which we stand; all other ground is sinking sand. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

Continue

The United Church News and Announcements **Sunday, November 6th**

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.

Jackson Foster Care Home

The Jacksons now have eleven 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.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa's Catholic Church **Monday, November 7th 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, enter sponsor code: MAPLETONMN. For any medical, medication or travel questions call 1-866-236-3276.

Veteran's Day Supper

Ron Schwerman, this years Veteran's Day Supper speaker wrote the book ***Broken But Not Abandoned*** about his time spent as a soldier in Vietnam. St. Teresa's will host the event **November 11th at 6:00 p.m.** Ron, a triple amputee, will also be selling his book. Tickets are on sale for \$11.00 at the Plaid Piper, or from Arleen Hansen, Diane Smith, or Arleen Swanson until **November 7th, 2016.**

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.