

*Closing Hymn

“For the Fruit of All Creation” #723

*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, October 12th, 2014

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Fall Stewardship Season

Pledge Card Commitment Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 78:1-7

One: Let us open our minds to God’s teaching,

Many: and tune our ear to God’s word.

One: Let us listen to the stories of faith of our ancestors,

Many: and share our stories with our families and friends.

One: Let us put our trust in God,

All: and worship the one who gives us life!

*Opening Hymn

“All Things Are Yours!” #687

*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

Jeff Lindemann

Worship Through Stewardship

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Worship Through Stewardship: Litany for Consecration of Pledge Cards” and join in the responsive readings.

After the litany, the ushers will pass the offering plates to collect our weekly offerings as well as our 2015 Stewardship Pledge Cards.

Offertory

“Worthy of Worship”

Adult Choir

***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**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” #688

Scripture

Joshua 24:1-25 (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

“We Will Serve the Lord”

Serving Us Today: Sunday, October 12th, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Jeff Whitaker

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeter—Sharon Shuck

Head Usher—Dave Byram

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

About Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship (*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 by Rev. Kim Gilliland of the United
Church of Canada at rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/a-or32-gilliland.php.

The **altar arrangement** today is in honor of Doug and Laura
Fritz's 35th wedding anniversary.

About Today's Worship & Fellowship Continued...

The Litany for Consecration of Pledge Cards is from The
Episcopal Network for Stewardship as adapted from the Anglican
Diocese of Ottawa 2010 Conference website.

The **Fall Stewardship Season** at The United Church is three
Sundays (September 28th, October 5th, and October 12th),
culminating on October 12th, as we submit our pledge cards in
worship. In this season of worship, there will be a special focus on
how we as a church and as individual Christians are the best
stewards possible of our time, talents, and resources of all kinds.

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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, 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 in a rehab facility in the Twin Cities. 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.

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In Our Prayers Continued...

- Mary Karel, the sister-in-law of Sharon Shuck, who is recovering at home after a heart health scare
- Tucker Shuck, Sharon's grandson, who recently completed Marine Corps basic training and who now continues his military education in Pendleton, California
- 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
- The family and friends of Tom Considine, the brother of Jack Madsen's son-in-law, who was killed in a car accident on Thursday, October 2nd.
- Jonathan Cruz, son of Rev. Eddie Cruz, Associate Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Jonathan lives with the effects of a traumatic brain injury as a result of a car accident; he will be undergoing surgery on his hand to help relax those muscles this week.

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

- For a safe harvest season for our farmers, their families, and everyone involved in the harvest
- For healing in the ongoing Ebola epidemic

The All Africa Baptist Fellowship (AABF), a region of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), has declared October 12 as Ebola Sunday. American Baptist Churches, USA (ABCUSA) joins the BWA in supporting a day of prayer for the Ebola crisis. "Let us pray for victims and their families, for medical staff who selflessly continue to serve, and for the Church as pastors and members are called to minister in the midst of this outbreak." (ABCUSA General Secretary Roy Medley)

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, October 12th, 2014**

Monday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, October 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, October 15th, 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Wednesday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Thursday, October 16th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study in Overflow Room

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, October 21st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, October 22nd, 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Thursday, October 23rd, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study in Overflow Room

Sunday, October 26th, 6:00 p.m. Youth Fun & Fellowship

Thank You!

The United Church extends a big thank you to all who helped with our fall workday. Many talented hands helped complete many projects. What a blessing you all are!

Newsletter

Please submit your reports and articles for the November newsletter into the church office **by Thursday, October 23rd**. Thank you!

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New and Renewed Member Sunday

On **Sunday, October 26th, 2014**, The United Church of Mapleton will hold a “New and Renewed Member Sunday” in order to welcome new members and members who have renewed their membership in worship.

If you are a new member or a member who has recently renewed their participation in United Church life, please plan to attend!

Thank you for being a part of the life of The United Church. We hope you can join us for this joyful day of worship!

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 people to serve as Deacons, Trustees, Board of Christian Education, Pastoral Relations Committee, 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

Children’s Christmas Program

Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us! How exciting to anticipate good things to come!

The United Church offers an invitation to you to participate and help out with the Children’s Christmas program this year. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 524-3141.

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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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Fair Trade Style Show

St. John Lutheran is hosting a style show on Sunday, October 12th from 2:00—4:00 p.m. Sonja Parr is an educator for Fair Trade clothing. Sonja has been in ministry for ten years and is now pursuing clothing education. She speaks passionately about relevant fashion and ethics, and tells the story of those who make our clothing. Sonja brings a message of hope with the many possibilities and the learning we can all do around our clothing production. She will speak a few minutes on the clothing and then we will have our models showing the clothes followed by refreshments. There will be clothes to purchase that day or you can order in time for Christmas. Please come enjoy this event and bring your daughters, moms and grandmas. Any questions call Rita Caron at 524-4234.

St. Joseph Church in Waldorf

St. Joseph Church CCW will be hosting a vendor fair at the Waldorf Community Center **Saturday, November 15th**. We are looking for local vendors/crafters. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Laura Jewison (507) 461-1662 or Becky Stenzel at cbzlch@outlook.com.

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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.

There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

October Special Mission Offering

The fall special mission offering is collected during the month of October to support World Mission Offering (ABC) and Neighbors in Need (UCC). All money collected through this offering is equally divided between the ABC and the UCC. Please use the specially marked white "Special Mission Offering" envelopes in the pew racks for this purpose.

The World Mission Offering supports the work of the ABC International Ministries and the work of our missionaries around the world. Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion across the United States, including the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministry as well as UCC Justice and Witness Ministries.

Thank you for giving generously to support these ministries and make a difference in our world!

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Loaves & Fishes Love Item for October:
Peanut Butter

Beginning in October, The United Church will feature a “love item” of special focus for members to donate to Loaves & Fishes. This will help stock the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf and hopefully help increase our giving to this worthy and much needed mission in our own town. There will be one Love Item per month that you’re encouraged to look for as you’re out shopping throughout the month, especially if you see a coupon or a sale! These items will usually be part of the Loaves & Fishes standard 25lb box that all visitors receive to ensure that they’ll always be used and needed.

Of course, this doesn’t mean you can’t bring other food items or cash donations. This is just a new way to think about supporting Loaves & Fishes!

Our Love Item for October is peanut butter! Did you know that one serving of peanut butter has 3mg of antioxidant vitamin E, 49mg of bone building magnesium, and 208mg of music friendly potassium? It has lots of healthy monounsaturated fat and is a great source of protein at 8g per serving. (*Source: prevention.com*). Please bring jars of peanut butter to help fill the Loaves & Fishes cart throughout the month of October. Also, keep an eye out for our November Love Item, which will be featured in the bulletin beginning the last Sunday of October!

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!



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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.**

One sailor on the USS Howard said, “To my heroes back home! Thank you very much, your support means a lot! Thank you for taking the time to prepare all of the care packages. It put a smile on all 26 of us. It made us proud to serve and will continue to do so with dignity and pride.”

The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center will be hosting their Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, October 12th from 10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.** at the T & C Leisure Center.



Menu will include: turkey, ham, potatoes and gravy, salad, dessert and a beverage. Take out will be available. Proceeds benefit 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.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

Sunday:

When Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great. Job 2:11,13

When we see people suffering it is so easy for us to jump in and try to fix their problems ourselves. Lord, help us to realize that you are the healer of all and we are nothing more than your assistants who help guide the injured to you. Amen.

Monday:

Christ says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

O great Healer, help us to come to you with our brokenness and not take refuge in our false sense of strength. Help us to bring our burdens to you and not keep them to ourselves. Amen.

Tuesday:

In Jesus Christ every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Dearest Jesus, thank you for allowing yourself to be the paramount manifestation of God's love for us. Amen.

Wednesday:

Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 2 Corinthians 3:4

Christ, guide us to a place of comfort and peace. Help us to place our faith in you when it feels so hard to trust in something we cannot see or touch. Give us patience on our journey. Amen.

Continue

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another. 1 John 3:23

Lord, the power of your name gives us the ability to move the mountains in our lives. Thank you for your willingness to be our help in times of need. Amen.

Friday:

Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord. Jeremiah 31:16

Dear Christ, strengthen our resolve to serve you. Guide us away from indifference and disinterest. As we strive to continue to do your work, fill us with your love and joy. Amen.

Saturday:

I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him.

2 Timothy 1:12

God, we ask for your presence in our lives. When we don't receive it in the ways we feel that we should, we sometimes have anger or lose faith. We humbly ask that you would open our eyes to the many different ways you live within and are present with us. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts