

## \*Closing Hymn

“Now Let Us From This Table Rise” #715

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

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

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## The United Church News and Announcements Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

**Garden of Eatin’ Update:** 763.5 lbs. of produce to date.

### **Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections Today!**

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

**Announcements** are available for pick up from the Ministry Table.

### **Children and Youth Mission Jar**

During Offertory time, the children and youth are welcome to come forward to place their donation into a mission donation jar. Each month the collections will be given to a chosen mission of the month.

### **Party of 8**

Please sign up! Sheets are posted on the Ministry Table. Please be aware of, and if, there are any food items you could bring for the evening you attend. Thank you!

### **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.

## The United Church of Mapleton

### Order of Worship

Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

Twentieth 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 Psalm 95:1-9*

**One:** Let us sing to the Lord, the rock of our salvation!

**Many:** Let us make a joyful noise and sing songs of praise!

**One:** The Lord is great and the Creator of all things:

**Many:** the seas and dry lands, the depths and the heights.

**One:** Let us worship the Lord, our Creator,

**Many:** for the Lord is our God!

**One:** Hear the voice of the Lord, people of God,

**All:** and praise the Lord forevermore!

#### \*Opening Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God” #14

#### \*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 October, the Mission Jar offerings (for both front and back jars) will go to Maple River Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades is available downstairs in Classroom B.*

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

"When Peace Like a River" #428

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSV)

### Scripture

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

"Increase Our Faith"

## 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 intinction. Intinction is the practice of coming forward to the front of the Sanctuary, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, dipping it into the cup of juice, and receiving the elements at that time. The piece of bread you will receive is intentionally large to allow for sanitary dipping into the common cup.*

*If you request that the elements to be brought to you in your pew, simply let a Hospitality Team member (usher/greeter) know during the Communion Service and the servers will come to you. 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.*

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## Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Gerrit Molenaar

Lay Leader—Marian Mallory

Hospitality Team Lead—Don Foster

Organist/Pianist—Jan Lange

Guitar/Vocals—Laura Fritz, Marissa Pfeffer, Sheila Samuelson

Coffee Fellowship Host—Church Council

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*)

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

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Today's *Call to Worship* is by Rev. Ashley Whitaker and is posted online at [praxisandpraise.weebly.com](http://praxisandpraise.weebly.com).

## Church Calendar

Sunday, October 2nd, 6:00 p.m. Party of 8

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

Tuesday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5th, 6:00 p.m. G.I.F.T

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

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

Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## 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 Baack, Kathy Cramer, Janie Firstbrook, Marian Mallory, Lloyd Mitchell, Stan Solie,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Eli Alvarado, Jack Madsen, Sean Mallory
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East
- Phyllis Lindemann, who has been undergoing evaluation testing for a double lung transplant at the University of Minnesota. She has been cleared to join the transplant list, but faces potential problems with finding a match to avoid rejection.

### The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

#### Prayers:

- For safe journeys for Jayden Karels and his teammates as they play football at the Viking Stadium
- For all the farmers hoping to get their crops in, and for all the water logged/flooded people and their homes

#### Thanksgiving:

- And praise to God for the life of Ava
- And celebration at the birth of a new grandson

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3

### **Sunday:**

Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise.  
Hebrews 6:15

Sustainer of life, teach us to slow down; remind us that we can only live one day at a time. Teach us the value of walking a sure and steady course with you. Help us to draw nearer to you through the challenges we face and the struggles we endure. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Anna worshiped with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:37–38

Blessed Redeemer, shore up our courage so that we can better share our faith. Give us confidence to tell your story. Provide the words to describe your grace. Increase our love as we live in your service. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way?” But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me.” Mark 14:3–4,6

Loving Shepherd, you care for us in more ways than we can acknowledge; yet, our thanks is sometimes paltry. Lord, lead us to desire you more deeply, give to you more generously, and sacrifice more willingly. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Wednesday:**

Blessed be the God who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4

Omnipotent God, why do we wait so long to turn to you? Remind us that you are watching when we suffer physical weakness. You are aware of our spiritual struggles. You see our failures and know our disappointments and our sadness. But when we lean on your strong shoulders, you both console us and equip us to offer that same loving care to others. Amen.

### **Thursday:**

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

Heavenly Father, you call us to love our neighbors and to serve them. It is not always easy. Help us focus, Father, on our common ground rather than on the ways in which we are different. Remind us that we all are created in your image and that you made us to live in community. Amen.

### **Friday:**

The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Romans 14:17–18

Jesus, you have shown us the example of a suffering servant; yet, we admit to self-absorption. We are embarrassed by our fascination with the superficial and temporal. Guide us, Jesus, beyond our own needs and desires. Teach us that peace and joy come through service in your name and that our truest identities are found in you. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

Merciful God, it is never easy to give up control; we are rebellious and think that we know a better way. Lord, help us to learn that only when we put our trust in you, rather than in ourselves, can we grow in you and fulfill your will for our lives. Amen.

*Continue*

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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### Jackson Girls 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.

### Annual Turkey Dinner

St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Vernon Center, MN will host its Annual Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including homemade pie and served family style on **Sunday, October 2nd from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** Take outs are available by calling 507-549-3004.

### Rural Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. The group is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our October session on **Tuesday, October 4th from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church of Amboy. Topic: 10 ways to manage stress and be a healthier caregiver. There is no charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action at 507-386-5583.

### 2016-17 Energy Assistance Program

This program provides a grant for income-eligible households which can help defray some of their monthly energy bill costs. Please see information posted on bulletin board in mail room.