

***Closing Hymn**

“We Come as Guests Invited” #702

***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. Since Sunday School is on break during the summer, children are invited to return to their pews after the Message for God’s Children during worship.

The United Church has created a “**family space**” for our families with infants and small children. This space is located in the Overflow Room at the back of the Sanctuary. This space is available for families in addition to the nursery (at the 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 5th, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Fall Stewardship Season

World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, all you who are thirsty,

Many: We come to drink from the cup of salvation.

One: Come, all you who are hungry.

Many: We come to eat the bread of life.

One: Here, at the Lord’s Table, we will eat and drink what is good.

Many: Our souls will delight in the richest fare.

One: Let us gather now as a family around the table.

All: Let us worship the Lord together!

***Opening Hymn**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” #572

***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

Mission Moment

Laura Fritz

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**

Called to Care Commissioning Liturgy

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Called to Care Commissioning Liturgy” and join in the responsive readings as listed.

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**

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

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16 (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

“A Generous Kingdom”

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.

If you request that the elements to be brought to you in your pew, simply let a Deacon know during the Communion Service and the pastor will come to you.

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Come, for the Meal is Ready” and join in the responsive readings around our Communion Service today.

Serving Us Today: Sunday, October 5th, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Leader—Stan Whitney
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeter—Mabelle Larson
Head Usher—Dave Byram
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 by Joanna Harader at spaciousfaith.com.

The **altar arrangement** today is in loving memory of Patrick Shubert.

About Today's Worship & Fellowship Continued...

Called to Care Commissioning Liturgy was written by Christ Congregational Church UCC of Silver Spring, Maryland at cccsilverspring.org.

Come, for the Meal is Ready was written by Ana and Tod Gobledale, who have served Global Ministries as local ministers in both South Africa and Zimbabwe, as well as in Australia at Churches Theological College near Melbourne. They are currently the ministers of St. Andrew's United Reformed Church in Brockley, England.

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
- 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.
- 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 Heldt family, of Rochester, MN. Pete and Sue Heldt used to teach in Mapleton. Sue passed away Friday night after a struggle with cancer.

In Our Prayers Continued...

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

- For a friend going through many life changes all at once
- For the safety for all people involved in the harvest
- For a young couple dealing with marital problems
- For a friend with lymphoma

Thanksgiving:

- For the recognition the kit program has brought to The United Church; blessings for those who gave generously; great blessings for those who receive these kits and prayers that they may give them hope

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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 October 11th!

Turkey Dinner

St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Vernon Center will host its Annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, including homemade pie served family style on **Sunday, October 5th from 4:00 –7:00 p.m.**

Take outs are available by calling (507) 549-3004.

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 cbzleh@outlook.com.

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
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Tuesday, October 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT
Tuesday, October 7th, 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
Wednesday, October 8th, 1:00 p.m. Quilters
Wednesday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons
Thursday, October 9th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study in Overflow Room
Saturday, October 11th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Craft, Quilt, and Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall

Planning Ahead

Monday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Tuesday, October 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT
Tuesday, October 14th, 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Relations
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

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Women's Fellowship Quilt, Craft and Bake Sale

We need homemade items for Saturday, October 11th!

You may bring your items to the church on

Wednesday, October 8th from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.;

Thursday, October 9th and Friday, October 10th from 8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

We ask for, except and appreciate any help anyone could give to help us with this sale. Thank you!

On Saturday, October 11th from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

you have the opportunity to purchase homemade gifts for weddings, babies, birthdays, Christmas, or just for yourself from the United Church Women's Fellowship Quilt, Craft and Bake Sale.



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!

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Today, Sunday, October 5th, 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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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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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.



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.”

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United Church Fall Work Day—Today!

The United Church has planned a work day at the church following worship service **today, Sunday, October 5th.**

The congregation is encouraged to wear their work attire to worship service. Please bring rakes for raking leaves and any other helpful tools.

Pizza will be provided to those staying to work.

Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is a progress.

Working together is a success.

Anonymous



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

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.

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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 come to the Board of Christian Education meeting **Tuesday, October 7th, 7:00 p.m.** at the church.

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 muscle 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!



Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. Philippians 1:21

Sunday:

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Exodus 20:7

Hallowed be your name. Matthew 6:9

Dearest Jesus, may the mere hearing of your name remind us of who you are. Your name reminds us that we are to love others as you loved us and serve others just as you served us. Amen.

Monday:

Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet. Hebrews 12:12-13

Heavenly Lord, source of inspiration, help us to hear when you are calling us to do something special. Strengthen us to accept the work you will have us do. Amen.

Tuesday:

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Romans 15:1

As we go about our days dear Lord, remind us that we are to love one another, weak or strong, just as you love us. Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened.

Matthew 9:29-30

Lord, when we have mountains of trouble in our life or when we get bogged down by living, help us to keep our faith in you. We know that you are able to help us move our mountains. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. 2 Thessalonians 3:5

God, inspire patience within us. May that patience help us find peace as you draw us closer to yourself. Amen.

Friday:

Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalms 144:15

The promise of life with you, dear Lord, fills us with joy! This joy comes from the simple fact that we have union with you, no matter where we are in our lives. Thank you. Amen.

Saturday:

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

Galatians 3:26

Lord, our faith in you brings us together. When we struggle with our brothers and sisters, remind us that above all else, we are called to show your love to them. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts