

The United Church of Mapleton
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Order of Worship

Sunday, August 20, 2017

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.*

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!

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

***Gathering Music** *Every Time I Hear the Spirit* (vs 1) **NCH #282**
(Words projected)

**Refrain: Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it
mov-ing in my heart I will pray.
Yes, ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it
mov-ing in my heart I will pray.**

Up-on the moun-tain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all a-round me; looked so fine;
I asked my God if all were mine. **Refrain**

***Call to Worship**

One: Come to this place of God's visitation and blessing.
Everyone is welcome here.

**All: We are sons and daughters of the new covenant,
disciples of our Sovereign, Jesus Christ.**

One: In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free,
male nor female.

**All: We are one in Christ,
who has chosen us and equips us for our ministry.**

One: The gifts of God are for no one religion,
God's family includes all people (continued on p.2)

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*The flower arrangement on the altar today are in loving
memory of Louis Fritz*

The United Church Calendar For this Week

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 8 a.m.—Noon—church office hours

TODAY **9:30 am Worship**
9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp for ages 5-10

Mon., 8/21 *9:00 am—2:00 pm Cindy's Office Hours*

Tues., 8/22 *6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder*
9:00 am—2:00 pm Cindy's Office Hours

Wed., 8/23 **7:00 pm—Search Committee**

Sun., 8/27 **9:30 am Worship**
9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp for ages 5-10

Next Week's (8/27) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Ginny Kinzie*

Hospitality Team: *Warren Allevan*

Organist: *Kathy Byram*

Sound System: *Gary Fritz*

Power Point: *Jay McCutchen*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Christian Education*

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

Contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org

Or 507/420- 9707

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Verse 2

May none be re-ject-ed but ra-ther re-spect-ed
As pre-cious and cher-ished, as soul-mates and kin.
Re-move hate-ful an-ger be-tray-al and ran-cor
From all of our hearts, and di-vert us from sin.
May all now find pleas-ure in giv-ing full mea-sure
Of self and of sub-stance to ease o-ther's pain.
U-nite us in car-ing, in-spiring our shar-ing, that we, from this day,
may em-body God's reign.

***Blessing**

One: God's call to love goes with you from this place.
We cannot escape from God's expectations.

All: We intend to be faithful to God's call.

We want to make sure no one is judged unlovable by God.

One: God's love is not reserved for one race of people or shared
only with those who worship as we worship.

**All: In the giving and receiving of God's love we break down
walls that divide and dismantle fear and hatred.**

One: May no evil intent enter hearts cleansed by God. May the
Spirit help us live in unity and love.

**All: We have received God's abundant love. We depart,
intent on showing love to all. We will not let hate win!**

***Sung Response** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* NCH#526
(sung 2 times)

*We are march-ing in the light of God, (3X's)
We are march-ing, Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.*

***Music for Going Forth**

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

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Pastor: Rev. Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Ginny Kinzie

Hospitality Team: Ron Conrad

Organist: Ann DeWitz

Sound System: Gary Fritz

Power Point: Kathy Cox

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Youth Center

**All: God's people are of many races and creeds,
Old and young, rich and poor, of every land.**

One: We gather to celebrate God's revelation in Jesus,
While others worship the same God in other ways.

**All: We seek to be true to the best we know in Christ,
Rejoicing in all faithful service to God.**

***Claiming Our Brokenness**

**All: Forgive us, O God, for the sin we so easily see in
others but fail to see within ourselves. Show us how
we have hurt others with our words, our actions and
our inaction. And grant us courage to seek
forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our
disobedience to you and keep us from leading others
into our sin. We seek your compassion for the times
we have willfully offended as well as those times when
we have stood by and done nothing as injustice is
delivered upon our neighbors. Help us to put aside all
action and comments that defile. Give us courage to
stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized
and deemed unworthy. Cleanse us for new life in
Christ. Amen.**

***Assurance of God's Unconditional Love & Forgiveness**

***Song** *Help Us Accept Each Other* NCH #388
(Words projected)

TUNE: Aurelia 7676D (*The Church's One Foundation*)

Help us ac-cept each oth-er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
Teach us as sis-ter, broth-er, each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us, and bring us to be-lieve
We are our-selves ac-cept-ed and meant to love and live.

Verse 2

Teach us, O God, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life
We strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.

Verse 3

Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
In liv-ing sit-u-a-tions to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance, un-til we know by heart
The ta-ble of for-give-ness and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.

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Verse 4

God, for to-day's en-counters with all who are in need,
Who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance, for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes to see-ing, new hand for hold-ing on;
Re-new us with your Spir-it; God! Free us, make us one.

Offering Our Gifts

***Singing Our Praise to God**

TUNE: Old Hundreth

*From all who dwell beneath the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue! Amen.*

***Blessing Our Gifts**

***All: As you have blessed us, O God, we are eager to share.
May we offer more than crumbs from your table. May no one
be sent away from the blessings you intend for all. We want
our offerings to preserve and extend life to your children,
here in this place and wherever our influence can reach. Our
offering represents only a part of what we dedicate
ourselves to do and be that your reign of unity and peace
may come. Amen.***

***Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

A Faith Story

Matthew 15:10-28

***Song**

She Came to Jesus (Words projected)

SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")

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Verse 1

She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.

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Verse 2

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.

Verse 3

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

Message

We Will Not Let Hate Win!

Prayers of the People

Response after each prayer, "**Hear Our Prayer, O God.**"

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

***Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your
kingdom come, your 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 yours is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

***Parting Song** *How Pleasant When Kindred* (Words projected)

TUNE: The Ash Grove (*Sent Forth By God's Blessing* NCH #76)

How plea-sant when kin-dred, re-ceived and up-lift-ed,
By par-don and grace, live in God's u-ni-ty.
Sent forth by com-mis-sion, to live out Christ's mis-sion,
We wel-come the stran-ger to com-mu-ni-ty.
How plea-sant when giv-ing springs forth from thanks liv-ing
To of-fer a help-ful-ness meet-ing true need.
We ask God who made us to stren-gthen and aid us
In list'-ning to o-thers and liv-ing God's love.

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In Our Prayers This Week



Members living in Care Facilities:

- *Kathy Cramer & Alberta Samuelson*

Prayers:

- God help us to forgive those who brought forth fear and terror in our country. Let our prayers be for those who hate, that they may come to know God's love and grace.
- For Chris, as he transitions to an apartment in Mankato
- For Phyllis Lindeman, as she is not doing very well
- For the family of Sara West, who died of breast cancer on Thursday at the age of 65

United Church Announcements

Maple River Youth Center Sponsoring a Salad Luncheon

On **Wednesday, August 30th**

at the Mapleton Community Center from 11:00—1:00 pm.

A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

Annual Outdoor Service & Potluck Meal at Daly Park

We will gather **Sunday, September 10th, 9:30 am** at the west side shelter area by the playground equipment.

Please bring either a salad, dessert, chips/dip, side dish or fruit.

The beverage and main course will be provided.

Feel free to bring personal lawn chairs, and any lawn games.

Keep watching the bulletin for updates.

We need assistance transporting chairs and various items needed for the service and potluck meal.

If you are available to pick up items at the church and transport them to Daly Park, please stop by the church not later than 8:30 am on 9/10 (or arrange to pick up items earlier in the week or on Sunday, 9/10). Let Sheila know you are willing to transport items needed ASAP. Thank you!