

The United Church of Mapleton
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Order of Worship

Sunday, January 7, 2018

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

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1–2

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

Many: And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

One: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples

Many: But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

One: Let us worship God together.

*Gathering Music *I Am the Light of the World (vs. 1)*
CCLI# 11164320

REFRAIN

***I am the light of the world! You peo-ple come and fol-low me!
If you fol-low and love you'll learn the mys-ter-y
of what you were meant to do and be.***

When the song of the an-gels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,

When the sag-es and the shep-herds have found their way home,
the work of Christ-mas is be-gun: **REFRAIN**

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Notice of Annual Year End Congregational Meeting

To be held immediately following worship on
Sunday, January 28th, 2018 to except the Year-End
Reports from all entities of the church.

The United Church Foundation Annual
Meeting will follow.

Other business can be considered at this time.

Please inform the Moderator if you wish to
place an item on the agenda.

**Everyone is invited to attend and participate.
Year-End Reports **were** due into the church office by
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018. Please submit as soon as
possible. All reports should be copy ready
and sent by email. Thank you!**

Christmas Decorations....

CRC and anyone else who can help. During the week of January
7th, there is a need for anyone who is available to please help
take down the Christmas decorations from the church.

Thank you for your help!

Come Celebrate A Classic 60!



Join us for a good old time in honor of Jay DeLeon's
60th Birthday and 38 years in business White Fox
Fur & Feather Co., Saturday, January 13th, 4:00 pm at the
Waldorf Community Center. Food, Beverages, & Music/DJ!
R.S.V.P. (507) 381-9202 or (507) 869-3877

Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast—Today!



The Maple River Band Boosters will be hosting their
annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast today,
Sunday, January 7th from 8:30 am—12:00 Noon in
the Commons of the MS/HS in Mapleton.

Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Next Week's (1/14) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Darlene Fezler*

Hospitality Team: **OPEN**

Organist: *Jan Lange*

Sound System: *Chad Kunkel*

PowerPoint: *Gary Fritz*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Women's Fellowship*

Mission Jar: *Youth Center*

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- *Kathy Cramer, , Alberta Samuelson, Marge Walters*

Prayers:

- Asking Gods blessings to all our travelers over the Holiday season and always
- Prayers for my mom Margaret as she had a stroke last week

The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY 9:30 am Worship with Communion, Stations for Children in Classroom, Loaves & Fishes Collections

Mon., 1/8 3:30 pm—Women's Fellowship

Tues., 1/9 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder
1:00 pm—Quilters Group

Sat., 1/13 9:30—11:30 am—Kilties

Sun., 1/14 9:30 am Worship with Faith Formation

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

while Pastor Cindy is on vacation (she will return at the end of this week) please contact the Rev. Dana Mann;
Pastor of Congregational UCC in Mankato

Offering Our Gifts

***Singing Our Praise to God** TUNE: Old Hundreth

O God, may we who bear your name.

By gentle love your grace proclaim,

Christ's gift of peace on earth declare

And your anointing Spirit shares. Amen.

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: God of all, accept these offerings as a token of our gratitude for your abundant blessings and constant mercies. Bless our gifts for your purposes, that they may bring light where there is darkness, sustenance where there is need, peace where there is conflict, and hope where there is despair. Through Jesus Christ our lord, Amen.

*Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship

Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

Children dismissed to their classroom after FF Moment

Faith Stories

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11

*Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Message

Prayers of the People

Response after each prayer,

"Hear Our Prayer, O God."

Holy Communion

Children are invited back into worship to help in preparing the table

Song of Preparation We Come to Your Feast
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We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white:
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture
lie here before our eyes.

**Refrain: We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
the greatest and the least.**

**We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
with the fruit of the lands and the work of our hands,
we come to your feast**

(verse 2)

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we need,
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
to love in word and deed. **Refrain** (see p. 3)

(verse 3)

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;
we come to taste the presence
of him we claim as Lord, his dying and his living,
his leading and his giving, his love in cup out poured. **Refrain**

Invitation and Prayer of Preparation

Distribution of the Bread & Cup

Prayer

Words of Blessing & Distribution of the Bread & Cup

Communion is served in the pews today.

All are welcome to participate in this feast. Please hold the bread & cup until all are served so we might partake as one community.

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious God, we give thanks for your love, made manifest in the life and example of Jesus. May these gifts we have received from your table strengthen us at the beginning of this new year. May we find in you and in one another hope for the journey ahead, and may we share that hope in a world that needs it desperately. As you have given yourself for us, we give ourselves anew for your work of justice and reconciliation, that this world may become what you dreamed it would be when you created it. This is our prayer, now and always. Amen.

*Song We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs. 1&2) # 233

*Blessing

*Sung Response We Are Marching in the Light of God
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We are mar-ching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God.
God. We are mar-ching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, marching Oh, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, marching Oh, we are marching 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

Supply Preacher: *Blake Couey*

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Sue Prenzlow*

Hospitality Team: **OPEN**

Guitar Group: *Marissa Pfeffer, Sheila Samuelson*

Sound System: *Chad Kunkel*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Council*

Local Mission Jar: *Youth Center*

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