

## The United Church of Mapleton

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### Order of Worship

Sunday, July 16, 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

**\*Gathering Song** *Come All You People (sung 2x)*  
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*Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit (3x)*  
*Come now and worship our God.*

### \*Opening Unison Prayer

**All: God of hosts, renew in us the hope that survives disappointment and the faith that rises above ridicule. Help us to stand for what is right and to champion the cause of those who have no voice or power of their own. You, O God, are the source of life, our true Parent. By your Spirit, we are your daughters and sons and sisters and brothers to one another. Equip us to live as members of your family, united in your worship and praise. Amen.**

### \*Claiming Our Brokenness

**Response: Why does it have to be this way, O God?  
What choices of ours could bring change?**

### \*Assurance and God's Unconditional Love & Forgiveness

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### If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

You can contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at  
[pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org](mailto:pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org)

Or

507/420-9707

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### Troendle Street Project—Summer 2017

With Troendle St. being torn up, we all need to be parking in the East parking lot of the church **throughout the week.** The East doors will be unlocked during office hours or when the Pastor is at the church. Please note, our neighbors will be parking in our lot throughout this project (since they will not be able to access their homes).

**On Sundays** we are free to park in either lot and both East and West doors will be unlocked as usual.

Thank you for your patience throughout this project!

*Your Church Council*



**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 ages 5-10 yr. olds  
10:30 am—**Holy Conversation: *Who is Our Neighbor?***  
7:00 pm—**Search Committee Mtg.**

*Mon., 7/17*    10 am—2 pm *Pastor Cindy’s Office Hours*

*Tues., 7/18*    6:30 am—Men’s Breakfast in Good Thunder  
9:00 am—12:30 pm *Pastor Cindy’s Office Hours*

*Wed., 7/19*    10 am—2 pm *Pastor Cindy’s Office Hours*  
7:00 pm—**Council Mtg.**

*Fri., 7/21*     7:00 pm—**Search Committee Mtg.**

**Sun., 7/23**    **9:30 am Worship**  
9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp ages 5-10 yr. olds  
**10:30 am—Holy Conversation:**  
***What Our Neighbors Have to Say about Us***  
7:00 pm—**Search Committee mtg.**

**In Our Prayers This Week**

**Members living in Care Facilities:**

*Norma Baack-Blaisdell, Kathy Cramer and  
Alberta Samuelson*



**Next Week’s (7/23) Worship Leaders**

**Intentional Interim Minister:** *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

**Lay Reader:** *Darlene Fezler*

**Hospitality Team:** *Bob & Geri Howieson*

**Organist:** *Jola Walker*

**Sound System:** *Chad Kunkel*

**Power Point:** *Kathy Cox*

**Coffee Fellowship Donations:** *Christian Education*

**\*Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

**\*Hymn Sing**

**Offering Our Gifts (*Psalm 96*)**

**\*Singing Our Praise to God**                      TUNE: Old Hundreth  
*Praise God, the wind that stirs our hearts,  
Praise God, the one who grants fresh starts,  
Praise God, the source of each new birth,  
Praise God who loves all those on earth. Amen.*

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: God, we bring these gifts—mere seeds of our lives,  
and in this offering find ourselves not lessened, but  
newly worthy, truly wealthy and deeply blessed. Amen.**

**\* Song**                      *Christ Taught Us of a Farmer*  
TUNE: AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D (*The Church’s One Foundation*)  
*From Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor.*  
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Christ taught us of a farmer who went out sowing seeds.  
A few had trouble growing among the rocks and weeds.  
But others grew till harvest in soil that was so good.  
O God, you sow the gospel: The seed is your own Word.

You sowed your word of love here so many years ago.  
Your message found a welcome; your Word began to grow.  
By grace, this church was built here by saints who followed you.  
The seed took root and flourished: we hear and follow, too.

We thank you for each member who lives in loving ways,  
For those who seek to serve you without expecting praise.

For hearts and songs uplifted, for work and sacrifice.  
The seed you planted grows here: we grow in Jesus Christ.

In times of joy we praise you, in struggling times we search,  
And always we are learning to be your faithful church.

Your Spirit gives us vision, and hearts and lives made new.  
Your harvest is for sharing: sent out, we work for you.

**Scripture**      *Isaiah 55:10-13 & Matthew 13:1-23*

**Message**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**The Prayer Jesus Taught**

***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.***

**\*Song**      *God, Give Us Eyes and Hearts to See*

TUNE: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen 88 44 88 w/Alleluias*  
*(All Creatures of Our God and King)*

God, give us eyes and hearts to see,  
Signs of your reign and vic-to-ry. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
So may we hear and then pro-claim  
Good news in Christ our Sav-ior's name. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We probe your prom-is-es a-new,  
As pil-grims seek-ing what is true. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Christ's live-ly ban-ner is un-furled  
O'er all the wea-ry, wait-ing world. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Each col-or, gen-der, skill, and age  
Acts out a part up-on life's stage. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Our weak-ness-es re-veal Christ's strength,  
Christ fills all height and breadth and length.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

So let us cel-e-brate and praise  
God, the Re-deem-er of our days. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
No pow'r of e-vil can en-dure!  
God reigns—of that we can be sure!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**\*Blessing**

One: In a world that can at times seem out of balance .....  
.....and people's hearts get trampled upon,

***All: We as followers of Jesus Christ are called to move forward into tomorrow spreading the seeds of God's love and hope wherever we go.***

One: Let us not allow fear & uncertainty to blur our vision,  
but rather let us seek to listen for where God is leading.

***All: And then let us make a conscious effort to embody that vision so that God's seeds of love and justice might take root In the fertile ground on which we walk each day.***

One: God be with you as you open yourself to be transformed  
and made new.

**\*Sung Response**      *As We Go on Our Way*  
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*As we go on our way may Christ go with us.  
May Christ go before us to show us the way;  
May Christ go behind us, to encourage us, beside us to  
befriend us, above us to watch over;  
Within us to give us peace.*

**\*Music for Going Forth**

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

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**Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders**

***Intentional Interim Pastor: Rev. Cindy Mueller***

***Lay Reader: Joyce Johnson***

***Hospitality Team: Carolyn Becker***

***Organist: Ann DeWitz***

***Sound System: Chad Kunkel***

***Power Point: Jay McCutchen***

***Coffee Fellowship Donations: Youth Center***

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