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Order of Worship

Sunday, July 23, 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

One: As familiar as this worship space may be –

All: It opens into mystery.

One: As routine as our lives may appear –

All: We carry the mark of Holy One within us.

One: God blesses,

All: God sojourns – The Holy meets us in this place.

***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.

***Call to Worship**

One: God invites us to gather.

All: We worship the Holy One who is present in all.

One: God invites us to come as we are for the sake of who we may yet be.

All: We worship the Holy One who calls us to new ways of being and doing.

One: God invites us to journey in awe and in trust.

All: We worship the Holy One in our midst who blesses and commissions us for the good of all.

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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

Connie Will Visitation

Mon., 7/24

Connie Will Memorial Service

Tues., 7/25

6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

9:00 am—12:30 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

Wed., 7/26

10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

7:00 pm—**Search Committee Mtg.**

Thurs., 7/27

9:00 am—**Pastoral Relations Mtg. @ Maggie J's**

Noon—2pm—Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

Sat., 7/29

11:00 am—Norma Baack-Blaisdell Memorial Service

Sun., 7/30

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;

What community needs might we partner w/others to address as a faith community?

Next Week's (7/30) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Louise Webb

Hospitality Team: Pat Carter

Organist: Joanne Cramer

Sound System: Chad Kunkel

Power Point: Gary Fritz

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Loaves & Fishes

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

You can contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org or 507/420-9707

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Today's 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*

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

Kathy Cramer and Alberta Samuelson



- *Pray for Linda Daly, Jola's sister, who found out her cancer has returned.*
 - *Bless our 12 year old grandson as he goes to camp this week*
 - *Today would be Sharol Madsen's 79th Birthday. Praise God for the time she was with us.*
 - *Prayers for our daughter and three of her children, who left early this morning to go on a mission trip*
 - *Prayers for the construction workers on our street project to keep them safe*
 - *Praise God for the birth of a perfect granddaughter, Olivia Marie, born June 30th*
 - *Pray for Norma Blaisdell, who is in hospice now*
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United Church Announcements

Church World Service Kits/National UCC Initiative School Supply Collection

There continues to be a need of kits for distribution at disaster sites here in MN, our country and around the world. School Supply Kit shopping lists of items needed are available in the narthex. You can help address this need by picking up a list, going shopping, and dropping the items back to the church. You may also help by contributing cash donations so we may purchase items to fill out kits and to cover the handling the shipping costs.

Thank you for caring and for your efforts!

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*** Claiming Our Brokenness**

One: In our good times and in our bad times,
in our ups and in our downs:

All: We confess you are with us, God.

One: You are in our moments of transformation,
inviting us to new life.

**All: When we are running away, when we are searching
for home: We confess you are with us, God.**

One: You guide us to new possibilities.

**All: When we are feeling proud and self-satisfied,
when we are wracked with guilt or shame:
We confess you are with us, God.**

One: You steady us on new ways.

**All: When we are wrestling, when we are striving:
We confess you are with us, God.**

One: You accompany us into new faithfulness
to your presence and call.

All: Amen, and Amen!

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

One: No matter where we go,

All: God is with us for good!

***Song** *Surely, Our God Is in This Place* (Words on Screen)
TUNE: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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*Sure-ly, our God is in this place. We will not fear the dark.
Night holds no ter-ror when we know its arrows miss the mark.*

Verse 2

*We trust our God who pro-mis-es: "I'll keep you 'e'er you go."
For-give-ness comes as God's free gift that we will ne-'er outgrow.*

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Verse 3

God's house is cal-led the gate of heav'n.
It's here we know God's realm.
This refuge gives us con-fi-dence no foe can o-ver-whelm.

Verse 4

We seek to serve as we've been taught and let the Spi-rit speak
With-in our lives, as we pro-claim Good news to strong and weak.

***Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

Offering Our Gifts

***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: Thank you, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received from our ancestors. We are grateful that your Spirit is ever with us, assuring us of your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of your realm in our daily lives, here and now and for all eternity. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 139: 1-12, 23 & Genesis 18:10-19a

Message

***Song** God of Our Life (verses 1 & 2 only) W&R #409

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** Savior, Again to Your Dear Name W&R #711

***Blessing**

Pastor: Scatter to serve, listening for God's direction.
Let your faces shine with the good news you have received.

People: The Spirit of God will lead us day by day. God claims us and is with us every moment.

Pastor: God promises to be with us wherever we go.
We can say, "Surely God is in this place."

People: God searches us and knows us. All our thoughts and actions are discerned by God.

Pastor: Let us live, then, according to the Spirit.
Let us show forth the first fruits of the Spirit.

People: With eager longing, we seek to live in the Spirit. We look up with hope and patience and joy. Amen.

***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.