

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

Sunday, July 2, 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

A Litany Prayer for Our Nation

One: Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things our country has achieved.

All: On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given to us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation, and for the generations to come.

One: We thank You for our independence, peace, and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

All: We thank You because Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

One: Yet, as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times.

All: On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

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Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Pulpit Supply—Penny Ritter

Intentional Interim Pastor—Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Linda Whitney

Hospitality Team: Ron Conrad

Guitar Group: Laura Fritz & Sheila Samuelson

Sound System: Chad Kunkel

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Council

The United Church Calendar For this Week

Tues, - Thurs., 8 a.m.—Noon are the regular church office hours

Pastor Cindy is gone to perform a friend's wedding in Northern MN Sunday, July 7/2 and will return to Mapleton July 5th.

TODAY

9:30 am Worship w/Communion and Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collection

Thurs., 7/6 9 am—2 pm *Pastor Cindy's Office Hours*

Friday, 7/7 9 am—2 pm *Pastor Cindy's Office Hours*

Sun., 7/9 9:30 am Worship

9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp ages 5-10 yr. olds

Next Week's (7/9) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Pastor—Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Lisa Shubert

Hospitality Team:

Organist/Pianist: Kathy Byram

Sound System: Chad Kunkel

Power Point: Randy Cumming

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Council

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***Closing Song** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* **W&R #719**

***Blessing**

***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. (Repeat)

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

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

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

Prayers and Thanksgiving:

- Thank God for a new grand-niece born Friday morning: Saij (Sage) Olivia Denzer
- May God watch over my family and our church family, healing our hearts and filling us with love
- Pray for our Search Committee
- Pray for healthy babies
- Pray for Gary Walters, who has been in the VA hospital for a month now

One: Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever, for the sake of the land of the brave and the free, and for the peoples and the nations of this world.

All: Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You. Our people are in need of You. Our industry and business and government are in need of You.

One: May we look only to You, this Independence Day, dependent upon You.

All: Please come now by your glorious Holy Spirit. Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.

One: May justice flow like rivers and righteousness like a never failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory as waters cover the sea.

All: We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

Silent Prayers for Our Nation

The Prayer Song *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* **W&R #731**
(verses 1 & 3 only)

***The Opening Prayer**

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

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 36:5-10)*

One: Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens' your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains and your justice like the ocean depths.

One: You care for people and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your unfailing love, O God!

All: All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.

One: You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
letting them drink from your river of delights.

**All: You are the foundation of life,
the light by which we see.**

One: Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you,
and give justice to those with honest hearts.

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.
Alleluia!**

***Song** We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (2 times) **W&R #651**

Offering Our Gifts Guitar Group

***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 of grace, we hear your call to generous giving
in the way you meet our needs each day and in the
peace you give to us—a peace that passes all
understanding. Having received so much, we offer
all we have, our time, our talents, and our money for
your realm. Less these gifts for your work in the
world. Amen.**

*Children are invited to remain in worship with their parents.
Please note, there is Family Space found in the room at the rear of the
Sanctuary for those more energy-filled children.*

*A Nursery for those younger than
Pre-Kindergarten age is also available.*

*Worship Bags, coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are
available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

The Service is piped into the Overflow Room and the Nursery.

Scripture Isaiah 62:1-5; John 2:1-11

Song I Have Decided (vs. 1 & 2) **W&R #344**

Message “The Wonderful Wine Maker and the Wonderful Wine”

Song I Have Decided (vs. 3 & 4) **W&R #344**

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Response: 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.**

Sacrament of Communion

Song of Preparation We Come to Your Feast CCLI #11164320

Verse 1

*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.*

**Chorus: 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
our 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 feed, to strengthen and connect us,
to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed. **Chorus***

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. **Chorus***

Distribution of the Bread & Cup

*Please come forward down the center aisle to receive the bread
and cup & return by the side aisles.*

*Gluten free crackers are available in the center of the plate
and the cups are filled with juice.*

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