

The United Church of Mapleton
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Order of Worship
Sunday, July 30, 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)*
CCLI #11164320

Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit (3x)
Come now and worship our God.

***Unison Prayer**

All: Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped us with a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

One: Loving God, you created all things and said they were good.

All: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

One: You created us in your image, and said we were good, too.

All: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

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The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

**Pastor Cindy is leaving for vacation later today and will be gone for two weeks.
She will return to Mapleton Tuesday, 8/15**

In the case of a pastoral emergency while she is gone, please call the church office.

TODAY

9:30 am Worship

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

10:30 am **Holy Conversation: What Might We Learn from our Neighbors;** what are the needs of our community and how might we partner together to meet those needs?

Tues., 8/1 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

Wed., 8/2 7:00 pm—Search Committee mtg.

Sun., 8/6 **9:30 am Worship with Communion;**
Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections
9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp -
ages 5-10 yr. olds

Next Week's (8/6) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Pam Foster

Hospitality Team: Dave Byram

Guitar/Vocals: Laura Fritz, Sheila Samuelson

Sound System: Gary Fritz

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Council

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

Kathy Cramer and Alberta Samuelson



Prayers

- Praise God for another healthy grandchild born to Bruce and Karen Stanton on June 30. Olivia Marie was born to daughter, Rebecca and Tyler.
- Ten years ago our granddaughter Audrey Corin Johnston was born. We thank God for the 43 days we had with her.
- Help us to keep our altar here, and in our hearts forever scared
- Blessings, safety and spiritual awakening to all involved with the three "Celebrate Me" camps this year
- Prayers for our daughter and her children so they may get home safely from their mission trip
- Prayers for Jack Madsen as he moves forward in his treatments

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of **Norma Blaisdell-Baack**, long time member of The United Church of Mapleton, who passed away July 16, 2017. A Memorial Service was held at The United Church on Saturday, July 29th.

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!

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

Please contact the church office at 507/524-3141

OR secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org

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and will not return until Tuesday, 8/14.*

One: Even when we do not turn out the way you want,
you do not throw us away.

All: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

One: Remake us, God, into people who reflect your goodness
in all they do.

All: Shape us, O God, and make us new.

***Song** O God of Vision (Words projected)

TUNE: Lobe Den Herren 14 14 4 7 8
(#71 W&R Praise the Lord the Almighty)

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Verse 1

O God of Vi-sion far great-er than all hu-man schem-ing,
Gath-er us now in your pres-ence, re-fresh-ing re-deem-ing.
Show us a-new Life in your breath-tak-ing view,
Love-ly be-yond all our dream-ing.

Verse 2

Pour out your Spir-it on all now –as-sem-bled be-fore you.
May our di-ver-si-ty here be a means to a-dore you.
Wom-en and men, Young, old and youth-ful a-gain,
Make us as one, we im-plore you.

Verse 3

Break the sun's rays in-to col-or, a rain-bow a-round us.
Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e-nough to con-found us.
Arched in the sky, beauty and prom-ise are high,
Giv-ing us hope to as-tound us.

***Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

Offering Our Gifts

*The loose change offering received in the tin bucket is designated
for our Midwestern Seminaries—Chicago, United and Eden—to
make scholarships available. This allows seminarians to complete
their education without accumulating as much debt.*

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

*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.*

