

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

Sunday, June 25, 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.

*Call to Worship

One: When we stumble and our faith falters,
God's faithfulness bears us along.

Right Side: When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong, God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.

Pulpit/Left Side: When our daily duties distract and our visions grow fuzzy, God's faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.

Unison: God's faithfulness endures forever!
We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our God this day and forever more!

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The United Church News & Announcements

Summer Sunday Bible Camp from 9:30 am—11:00 am!

For children ages 5-10. Program elements include Bible verse, games (inside and outside), story time with prayer and a snack.

There is a need for people to step forward and volunteer to help with these sessions.

Please call Pam Foster at 524-4185 with any questions or to volunteer.
During the summer on Communion Sundays,

children ages 5-10 will be in church for the entire service and help with Communion. There will also be a Faith Forming Moment for the kids to come forward and hear a message from the Pastor. All *remaining* Sundays, during the summer, children will go to the Sunday School room, rather than the sanctuary, by 9:30 am or before, for Sunday Morning Bible Camp. The teacher will take the kids out to the park, weather permitting. Sessions will be from 9:30 am—11:00 am, and will include Bible story and verse, games and snack. If parents are not staying for Coffee Hour, they may come to the park or SS room to pick up their child.



Garden of Eatin' Volunteers Needed!

Please contact the church office to help water, weed, harvest and deliver produce for this ministry to the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.

Congratulations Pat Carter!

The United Church extends our congratulations to **Pat Carter** on her retirement from the Mapleton Community Home/Heritage Place after many years of service.



Next Week's (7/2) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Supply Preacher: *Rev. Penny Ritter*

Lay Reader: *Linda Whitney*

Hospitality Team:

Guitar Group: *Laura Fritz, Sheila Samuelson*

Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

Power Point: *Gary Fritz*

Money Counter: *Geri Howieson*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Council*

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

You can contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org

Please Note: Pastor Cindy will be officiating at a friend's wedding in Northern MN this upcoming weekend and will return to the office on July 5th.

***Claiming Our Brokenness**

All: O God, we confess to you that we do not prepare ourselves to hear your voice. We know that we are rarely attuned to you. We admit that you could shout loudly and we still might not listen to your words. We know we don't pray often enough. We say we don't have time. We confess we want immediate results. We are impatient if we don't get results quickly from our praying. Forgive us, O God. Help us to learn that allowing ourselves to trust you takes time and effort on our part. We pray these things in your name. Amen.

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

***Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

***Hymn Sing**

Offering Our Gifts

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

*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: Receive our offerings, gracious God, as an expression of our thankfulness. In your church, we are privileged to cultivate the dimensions of our lives that give meaning and purpose to all we do. Here we become aware that the gifts you give us. At the same time, you show us how our material advantages can help others. May many be blessed through our sharing of these offerings and the sharing of ourselves. Amen.

***Song** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* NCH # 1

Scripture *Romans 12:1-8*

Message

***Song** *Take My Life, God, Let it Be* NCH # 448

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 *The Church's One Foundation* NCH #386

*Blessing

One: Serve the world as people transformed by God. Let others know God's grace and forgiveness through you.

***All: We seek to live as Jesus taught.
We seek to embody trust in God and love of all.***

One: Daily God renew our energy and confirm our gifts. In Christ we are drawn away from conformity to the world.

***All: Our agenda is to discern and do God's will.
We aim to use well the gifts God has given.***

One: Remember, God is on our side. God calls us into community with one another.

***All: In Christ, there are no enemies.
We recognize all people as God's children.***

*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.

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Pastor: Rev. Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Carolyn Becker

Hospitality Team:

Organist: Ann DeWitz

Sound System: Dick Dietz

Power Point: Konnor McCutchen

Money Counter: Mabelle Larson

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Faith Formation (CE)

The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY

9:30 am Worship w/Special Mission Offering

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

10:30 am **Workshop: *The Heritage of Our Faith Community and How it Informs Who We are Today***

Mon., 6/26 10 am—2 pm *Pastor Cindy's Office Hours*

Tues., 6/27 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder
9:00 am—12:30 pm *Pastor Cindy's Office Hours*
1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting Group

Wed., 6/28 10 am—2 pm *Pastor Cindy's Office Hours*
7:00 pm—Search Committee Mtg.

Sun., 7/2 **9:30 am Worship**
9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp ages 5-10 yr. olds

In Our Prayers From Last Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- Norma Baack-Blaisdell, Kathy Cramer and Alberta Samuelson

Prayers and Thanksgiving:

- Prayers for a niece and her surgeons as she undergoes surgery to remove a tumor on the pituitary gland

