

## The United Church of Mapleton

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### Order of Worship

Sunday, May 14, 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** *The Day of Resurrection (vs.1 only)*      **NCH #245**

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God, From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

### \*A Prayer for Mother's Day

*(Please respond after each intercession:  
"Lord, Hear Our Prayer.")*

Let us thank God for godly and good mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and sisters who nurtured us spiritually, physically, and emotionally....

Let us thank God for all those women who took time to teach us, train us, play with us, and listen to us in church school, in Scouts, in 4-H, in the classroom, and on sports teams....

Let us remember those women who long(ed) to be mothers and who for whatever reason, cannot be mothers...

Let us remember those mothers who lack the skills, the financial resources, or the stability to be the kind of mothers God intended them to be, or that they long to be....

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## The United Church News & Announcements

### Next Week's (5/21) Worship Leaders

**Lay Reader:** *Ginny Kinzie*

**Hospitality Team:** *Don & Pam Foster*

**Organist/Pianist:** *Ann DeWitz*

**Sound System:** *Dick Dietz*

**Power Point:** *Randy Cumming*

**Money Counters:** *Gary Fritz*

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### If You have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

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

Email the secretary at  
secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org

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### In Our Prayers This Week

#### **Members living in Care Facilities:**

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

#### **Prayers:**

- *For Irene's family. Irene will be missed.*
- *For our farmers safety and progress in getting the crops planted*
- *For healing for Nikki Pucik recovering at the Mapleton Community Home*
- *For continued healing and growth for Tyson McPhal, baby son of Chris McPhal, friends of Shuck family*
- *For a good turn out for Sertoma's 40th Anniversary today*
- *Praise and thanksgiving for a wonderful All Daughter's Luncheon enjoyed by all who gathered in community together on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the church*

*The prayers and sympathies of The United Church are extended to the family and friends of **Irene Cumming-Foster**, age 97, who passed away May 4th, 2017. A Celebration of Life was held at the United Church of Mapleton on Monday, May 8th at 2:00 p.m.*

## ***The United Church News & Announcements***

### **I'll Bet You've Had a Lot of Practice with a Remote**

We need you to volunteer to be part of a team of individuals who will operate the remote for the PowerPoint slides during worship on a rotating basis. A detailed script is made available, along with the PowerPoint presentation, in the churches' Dropbox no later than the Friday evening before the upcoming Sunday service.

**Please see Pastor Cindy or Dick Dietz** if you are willing to be trained in on this simple task. Please consider getting involved in this simple but EXTREMELY important way. Thank you!

### **Town and Country Days Events**

#### **Silent Auction:**

Our church has been asked to contribute items for the Silent Auction at Town and Country Days ~ held on Sat., June 10th, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

***Please bring your items to the church Fellowship Hall by Wednesday, June 7th.*** Place a value on them and designate where you want your bid money to go (United Church, Youth Center or T&C Days Fund—T&C will receive 10% to help with expenses. Items can be hand-made, unique theme baskets, antiques, small furniture and almost new items.

Please call Joyce Johnson if you need an item picked up.

**In order for the church to receive the bid money, we need to fill 2-one hour shifts (2 persons per shift).**

**Our shifts are 9:00—10:00 am and 6:00—7:00 pm.**

Joyce Johnson will be working from 9:00—10:00 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce at 524-3727.

#### **Quilt Show:**

We are currently looking for quilts to display for our Quilt Show during T&C Days from June 8th—11th.

Please contact Rita Caron at 524-4234.

#### **Pancake Breakfast:**

The T&C breakfast will be held Sunday, June 11th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Library Park.

### **The Mapleton VFW and Auxiliary Post 5338**

The Mapleton VFW and Auxiliary Post 5338 invites you to their 11:00 am Memorial Day Program. It will be held at the high school in the AAA gym with a free will offering lunch served following the program. The color guard will then proceed to the cemeteries.

Let us remember children growing up in violent situations and let us remember women who are abused themselves, or are abusers...

Let us remember those who grieve the loss of their mothers...

Let us remember mothers who grieve the loss of their children...

Let us remember those women who because of jobs, military service, legal rulings and incarceration, cannot be with their children....

Let us remember the mothers of missing and exploited children...

Let us remember those mothers who struggle to raise children alone...

Let us remember women who struggle with decisions regarding pregnancy...

Let us remember mothers who must try to protect their children in war torn situations and, in places of persecution...

***All: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.***

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

One: Gracious God, you call us to be bold and courageous,

***All: Yet we so often quake in fear,***

One: You call us to remember we are forgiven,

***All: Yet we so often refuse to offer forgiveness to others,***

One: You call on us to trust you completely,

***All: Yet we so often put our trust in power, fame, money, other people, even ourselves***

One: You call us to humble obedience,

***All: Yet we are so often arrogantly and willfully disobedient,***

***ALL: and so we come today to confess our sin, to hear again the promises of your love and grace made real to us, for us, in Jesus Christ, and we come to praise you in word and song!***

#### **\*Song**

*"Alleluia! Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven W&R #289*

## Offering Our Gifts

All adults are invited to share any spare change with the children so they may participate through the offering.  
For the month of **April**, the Mission Jar offerings will go to **Relay for Life**.

### \*Singing Our Praise to God

 TUNE: Old Hundreth

O Jesus, risen now to bless, Do you yourself our hearts possess,  
That we may give you all our days,  
The willing tribute of our days. Amen.

### \*Blessing Our Gifts

**God of Grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept the joyful offering as a token of our abiding love. Use it to bring peace, justice, comfort and the word of life to all the world. Amen.**

Scripture John 14:1-14

\*Song *I Love You Lord* (2 times) **W&R**

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### Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

After the FF moment children are free to attend Sunday School, or 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 Psalm 31 (see insert)

\*Song *God of Our Life* **W&R**

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### Message

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns & the Prayer Jesus Taught Us

Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O God.*

\*Song *God of Grace and God of Glory* **NCH # 436**

### \*A Blessing

\*Sung Response *In the Bulb There is a Flower* **NCH #433**  
(verse 1 only)

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

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

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### Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

**Pulpit Supply**—Rev. Penny Ritter

**Lay Reader:** Carolyn Becker

**Hospitality Team:** Ryan & Liz Bair Family

**Organist/Pianist:** Kathy Byram

**Sound System:** Dick Dietz

**Money Counter:** Dave Byram

**Coffee Fellowship Donations:** Women's Fellowship

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### **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/Faith Formation for children**

Tues., 5/16 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder  
1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting Group

Wed., 5/17 7:00 pm Council Mtg.

Thurs., 5/18 7:00 pm Bible & Brew @ Maggie J's

Sun., 5/21 **9:30 am Worship w/Faith Formation for children**

Mon., 5/22 **June Newsletter items** are due into church office

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