

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

Sunday, May 21, 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.*

*Call to Worship

Congregational Response: I will not leave you alone.

*Claiming Our Brokenness

One: Forgiving One, unseen yet known, we hear the world speak in power and in greed and we hear you speak in love and grace. May our lives be lived in the echo of your voice. When we are persuaded by the want that leads to hurt, the hankering that leads to greed, the yearning that leads to selfishness,

**Many: forgive us for following the wrong way;
may we turn again and follow you.**

One: When we are persuaded by the spin that becomes truth, the belief that becomes dogma, the fear that becomes intolerance,
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All Graduates

Please contact the church office at 524-3141, with any high school and post high school degrees you or a family member received for this year. **We will be honoring our graduates during worship on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Thank you!**



Garden of Eatin' Volunteer Gardeners Needed!

This ministry supplies the local food shelf with fresh produce.

Neighbors always compliment the church for providing this service to the food shelf.



It is also a wonderful form of evangelism—caring for our neighbors **If you are interested and willing to play a part in making this ministry possible, please contact the church office.**

We need to get started on this as soon as possible.

In order for this ministry to continue, we need lots of hands caring for the gardens throughout the growing season. Please seriously consider taking an active part in carrying for the gardens.

Step 1—additional dirt and compost needs to be laid

Step 2—prep the garden (Dave Byram is doing this for us)

Step 3—planning out the lot and planting

Step 4—water, water, water throughout the growing season

Step 5—thinning as needed

Step 6—harvesting (this is a 3x a week need)

Step 7—clean up the garden (Dave Byram has volunteered to do this as well)

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Caregiver Support Group

This monthly support group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on June 6, 3:00-4:00 pm, St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. No charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

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.

Many: forgive us for following the wrong way; may we turn again and follow you.

One: Forgiving One, seeing and forgiving, knowing and loving, we turn from following the wrong way and face you with our confession.

Many: Hear us. Forgive us. Amen.

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

***Song** *Great Is the Lord* **W&R**

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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 Hundred

*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, whose children we are, receive these gifts we offer.
May they help to bring others ever closer to you, and to experience and appreciate your presence in their lives. Amen.***

Scripture John 14:15-21

***Song** *Blessed Assurance* **NCH**

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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.*

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Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O God.*

The Prayer Jesus Taught

*Song *There's a Spirit in the Air* NCH #294

*A Blessing

One: God sends us out into the world

All: *But not alone.*

One: God sends us out into the world

All: *but not without support.*

One: God sends us out into the world

All: *but not forsaken.*

One: We go in God, and God in us,
blessed and filled with the promise of life.
God sends us out into the world.

All: *And we will go.*

*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.*

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Ginny Kinzie*

Hospitality Team: *Don and Pam Foster*

Organist/Pianist: *Ann DeWitz*

Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

Power Point: *Randy Cumming*

Money Counter: *Gary Fritz*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Youth Center*

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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

Mon., 5/22 10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

Noon **June Newsletter Deadline**

7:00 pm Search Committee Mtg.

Tues., 5/23 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting Group

Wed., 5/24 10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours

Next Week's (5/28) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: **Rev. Cindy Mueller**

Lay Reader: *Jack Madsen*

Hospitality Team:

Organist/Pianist: *Kathy Byram*

Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

Power Point: *Kathy Cox*

Money Counters: *Dick Dietz*

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

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

Norma Baack-Blaisdell, Kathy Cramer and Alberta Samuelson

Prayers:

- *Pray for a world that seems to be falling into chaos. Everyday new threats arise.*
- *I pray for Donna Webb and special thanks for her courage, strength, and joy in life.*
- *God, bring peace to our world. (4)*