

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

*Call to Worship (Based on Ps 68)

One: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

All: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

One: God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families for those who are alone.

All: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.

One: God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

All: Sing praise to God; Rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

One: Proclaim the power of God!

All: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.

One: Let us worship God!

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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 next Sunday, June 4, 2017. Thank you!

Garden of Eatin' Volunteers Needed!

This ministry supplies the local food shelf with fresh produce. Neighbors always compliment the church for providing this service. It is also a wonderful form of evangelism—as we reach out and care for our neighbors.



If you are interested to take part in making this ministry possible, please contact the church office.

Planting will be Thursday, June 1 at 1:00 pm.

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 has said he will do this once the additional dirt/compost is added to the gardens)

Step 3—plotting what will be planted (Carolyn Becker & Pam Foster have already taken care of this) 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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Town and Country Days Events

Silent Auction at T&C Days, Sat., June 10th

Please bring your Silent Auction 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.

Pancake Breakfast:

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

Meals on Wheels

It is time for the United Church to help with Meals on Wheels.

Please contact Darlene personally,

or call 524-3624 and volunteer to help. Thank you!

June Special Missions

“The Strengthen the Church (UCC) and America for Christ (ABC) mission offering will be received during the month of June.

Salad Luncheon

The Maple River Youth Center will host a Salad Luncheon on Monday, June 5 from 11:00 am—1:00 pm at the Mapleton Community Center. A free will offering will be accepted.



To Carolyn Becker for gracing the altar each week with beautiful fresh cut flowers!

***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.*

***Claiming Our Brokenness**

All: Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. Amen.

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

***Song** *Morning Has Broken* **W&R #35**

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 **May**, 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**

All: Ever-present and loving God, your word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us. In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves, to you. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones. Inspire each of us to live as Christ's witnesses, today and ever more. By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

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 *II Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-5:1*
***Song** *Christ the Victorious* **W&R #517**

Message

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Response: Hear Our Prayer, O God.

The Prayer Jesus Taught

***Song** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* **W&R #319**

*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.*

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Cindy Mueller
Lay Reader: Jack Madsen
Hospitality Team: Dave Byram
Organist/Pianist: Kathy Byram
Sound System: Dick Dietz
Power Point: Kathy Cox
Money Counter: Dick Dietz
Coffee Fellowship Donations: Christian Education

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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
Tues., 5/30 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder
1:00 pm—3:00 pm Quilting Group
Thurs., 6/1 10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours
7:30 pm—Bible & Brew at Maggie J's
Fri., 6/2 10 am—2 pm Pastor Cindy's Office Hours
Sun., 6/4 9:30 am Worship w/communion,

Special Mission Offering begins!

*Commissioning our Search Committee
& Recognizing our graduates*



Next Week's (6/4) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Cindy Mueller
Lay Reader: Pam Foster
Hospitality Team:
Guitar/Vocals: Laura Fritz & Sheila Samuelson
Sound System: Dick Dietz
Power Point: Gary Fritz
Money Counters: Lisa Shubert

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 and Praises:

- *For our granddaughter's 5th birthday*
- *For my brother who was recently diagnosed with cancer*
- *For our children, to bring them to know our God's name and will*

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