

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

November 19, 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Prayer

***Gathering Music** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* #326
(verse 4 only) **Words projected**

REFRAIN

**Spir-it, Spir-it of gen-tle-ness,
blow through the wil-der-ness call-ing and free;
Spir-it, Spir-it of rest-less-ness stir me from plac-id-ness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

Vs. 4

You call from to-mor-row, you break an-cient schemes.
From the bond-age of sor-row all the cap-tives dream dreams;
Our wom-en see vi-sions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new de-ci-sions your peo-ple a-rise. **REFRAIN**

*Call to worship

One: Come, you thankful people, come.
All: God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied. Let us give thanks for God's generous spirit.
One: Let us give thanks for the blessings of food and family, of church and faith.
Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth.
All: Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow.

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The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY **9:30 am Worship** with Faith Formation
for Children 5 years old —5th grade
10:30 am—**Congregational Mtg.** to vote on 2018
Proposed Budget and Election

Mon., 11/20 **DEC. NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE**
10 am-2pm—Cindy's Office Hours

Tues., 11/21 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder
7:30am-Noon—Maple River School testing
9am-12:30pm—Cindy's Office Hours
1:00 pm—Quilters Group
7:00 pm—**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

Wed., 11/22 7:00 pm—**Search Committee**

Thurs., 11/23 **OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving**

Sun., 11/26 **9:30 am Worship w/ Faith Formation for gr. 1-5**

Next Week's (11/26) Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher: Jeff Challberg
Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Cindy Mueller
Lay Reader: Sue Prenzlow
Hospitality Team: Bob & Geri Howieson
Organist: Kathy Byram
Sound System: Gary Fritz
PowerPoint: Konnor McCutchen
Coffee Fellowship Donations: Grounds/Garden
Mission Jar: Natural Disaster Relief

If you have a Pastoral Emergency while Pastor Cindy is on Continuing Education Leave 11/22–12/1 ~ please call the church office at 507.524-3141 first.

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Maple River Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Every Christmas, Loaves and Fishes hands out “holiday” boxes.

Each box contains a Ham plus all the trimmings for a Christmas dinner.

The date for distribution of these boxes is Tues., 12/19 at St. Teresa’s in Mapleton.

The cost for each box is \$40

Please consider sponsoring one or more boxes this year.

We are averaging 126 families each month and 14,800 pounds per month. The need in our area continues to be great.

Remember, for every \$1 you donate, we are able to buy \$10 worth of food.

Thank you again for your support this holiday season.

Jon Klenk; Exec. Dir. MR Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf
Located on the West end of St. John’s Lutheran Church

How to Reach Us: PO Box 227, Mapleton, MN 56065 / 507-524-3046. Open 3-6pm on Tuesdays and 9-noon on Saturdays.

The American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa’s Catholic Church

Monday, November 27 from 12:00—6:00 pm.

This is a wonderful time to start the Season of Giving with the gift of life.

Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286

or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: MAPLETONMN.

For any medical, medication or travel questions call 1-866-236-3276.



*Claiming Our Brokenness

All: Mindful of the enduring and beautiful vision that is the Realm of God, and all too aware of the wondrous Christ who beckons us to join its making that realm a reality, we confess, O God, our times of lethargy, and disillusionment. And those times we have left this work to others. For very often, the vision is just too grand or difficult, and the high standards set seem beyond human capabilities. We sink in resignation and gravitate toward despair. Our faith can become lifeless, our worship more a matter of familiar routines. Come, O God, with compelling words of wisdom. Fill us with a renewed sense of the possible. Overcome our many fears, and heal our need for perfection. For we want to co-create; we want to participate in the reshaping of your world.

*Assurance of God’s Unconditional Love & Forgiveness

*Song

Come, O Thankful People, Come

Tune: St. Georges Windsor (*Songs of Thankfulness & Praise* #243)

Words Projected

Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin.

God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply, ripened ‘neath the summer sky.
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o’er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o’er flowing stores.

Offering Our Gifts

*Singing Our Praise to God

TUNE: Old Hundred

*God of our lives whose call comes clear;
Through Jesus Christ, your presence near;
By Spirit led, your will we heed:
Your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.*

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: Gracious God, we return to you for your use a portion of the gifts you have given us. Bless this offering that it may further your purpose in the world, gathering in the lost and lonely, tending to those in need, healing the ill, comforting the grieving, and sharing the good news of your love and compassion. Amen.

*Extending the Peace of Christ

Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

Children are dismissed for their faith formation class down the hall from the sanctuary after the Faith Forming Moment

Faith Stories Colossians 1:11-20 & Matthew 25:31-46

Message

Song *We Praise You, O God* **Words Projected**
Tune: Kremser (*We Gather Together* #81)

We praise you, O God, our Re-deem-er, Cre-a-tor;
in grate-ful de-vo-tion our tri-bute we bring.
We lay it be-fore you, we kneel and a-dore you;
we bless your ho-ly name, glad prais-es we sing.

We wor-ship you, God of our mo-thers and fa-thers;
through life's storm and temp-est our guide you have been.
When per-ils o'er-take us, you nev-er will for-sake us,
and with your help, O God, in life's strug-gles we win.

Prayers of the People **Response: Hear our prayer, O God.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 in the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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***Song** *In the Bulb There is a Flower* **Words Projected**
Tune: Promise (*Hymn of Promise* #515)

*In the bulb there is a flo-wer; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
in co-coons, a hid-den pro-mise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.*

*There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
there's a dawn for ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.*

*In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fi-ni-ty;
in our doubt there is be-live-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty.*

*In our death, a re-sur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,
un-re-veal-ed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.*

*Blessing

***Sung Response** *Halleluja (sung 2x)* **Words Projected**
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*Music for Going Forth

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: Warren & Cindy Allevan

Organist: Ann DeWitz

Sound System: Gary Fritz

PowerPoint: Randy Cumming

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Youth Center

Mission Jar: Natural Disaster Relief

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- Kathy Cramer, Alberta Samuelson and Marge Walters

Prayers:

- Pray for the future of this church

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