

The United Church of Mapleton

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Order of Worship

November 26, 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)

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**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.

*Call to worship (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and courts with praise. *(continued)*

The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY 9:30 am Worship with Faith Formation
for Children 5 years old —5th grade

Tues., 11/28 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

1:00 pm—Quilters Group

7:00 pm—**Search Committee Mtg.**

Wed., 11/29 7:00 pm—*Snowflake Dazzle Parade*

Thurs., 11/30 7:30 pm—*Bible & Brew*

Fri., 12/1 5:00-9:00 pm—*Parents Night Out*

Sat., 12/2 9:30-11:30 am—*Kilties*

11:00 am—*Congregational Relations workday—
along with anyone else who could help*

Sun., 12/3 **9:30 am Worship with Communion – Hanging the
Greens Service** and Loaves & Fishes collections

10:30 am—**Holy Conversations—**

What adjustments are necessary with a 1/2 time pastor?

Next Week's (12/3) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Lisa Shubert*

Hospitality Team: *The Bair Family*

Organist: *Guitar Group*

Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

PowerPoint: *Kathy Cox*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Council*

Mission Jar: *Heifer International*

**If you have a Pastoral Emergency while Pastor Cindy is on
her Continuing Ed. Leave, she can be reached at
pastor@UnitedChurchMapleton.org**

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 Bloodmobile in town TOMORROW

at St. Teresa’s Catholic Church

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.



One: Give thanks and bless God’s name.

All: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

*Claiming Our Brokenness in Song

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

#68

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: God of mercies, we give because we have been made free to give. Let these gifts of labor and gifts of spirit be a blessing to the receivers, the givers, and all witnesses. In this giving, may we be reminded that your compassion is real, alive in your creation, and ever-healing. Let each action of our faith deepen our awareness of your presence, that we may be co-creators of your world of abundance and creativity. 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 *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Matthew 25:31-46*

Song *Fairest Lord Jesus*

#123

Message

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

***Song** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us (verses 1-3)* #440

*Blessing

*Sung Response *Halleluja (sung 2x)* CCLI# 11164320

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja Halle-lu-ja, Halle-lu-ja

*Music for Going Forth

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

Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Guest Preacher: *Jeff Challberg*

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Sue Prenzlou*

Hospitality Team: *Bob & Geri Howieson*

Organist: *Kathy Byram*

Sound System: *Gary Fritz*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Grounds/Garden*

Mission Jar: *Natural Disaster Relief*

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- *Kathy Cramer, Alberta Samuelson and Marge Walters*

Prayers:

- *For a family that just lost a brother, uncle, father suddenly and unexpectedly this past week*
- *For my brother who has cancer and will be going to Rochester next week to see what the next step is*
- *For our daughter-in-law, Kerry Johnson, who will be having major surgery on November 27th*
- *Dear God, give guidance and safety to the people of Zimbabwe, as the government goes through major changes and protect our UCC missions in eastern Zimbabwe*

Thanksgivings:

- *Thanks be to God for the safe arrival of my great grandson, Caden Wallace on November 16th.*
- *Joy in the opening of Crescent Cove, Hospice home for children*

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Snowflake Dazzle Parade—

Living Nativity



If anyone is interested in joining the Living Nativity during the Snowflake Dazzle parade



on **Wednesday, November 29**, please meet at the United Church at **6:30 pm to dress**. If you are unable to join in the parade, please come and watch the parade which starts at 7:00 pm and runs down Main Street, Mapleton.

Parents Night Out! Friday, Dec. 1st

Parents, take the night out to go Christmas shopping or get away for date night!

Kids will enjoy dinner at 6:00 pm, along with crafts, games, movies, and a **free picture with Santa!**

You may **drop off your children**, ages 2 and up, at the United Church,

201 Troendle Street SW on **Friday, December 1st after 5:00 p.m.** and then **pick them up by 9:00 p.m.**

You may call to pre-register, (though this is not required) at 524-3141.

A Freewill offering will help support "Cows for Christmas" (Heifer International).

May we all pass on the gift!

If you would like to volunteer to help, either call the church office at 524-3141 or arrive to the church **by 5:00 pm.**



Poinsettia Decor

We are asking for donations of poinsettia's to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas seasons.

Please bring your poinsettia to the church by 9:00 am on December 3, 2017.



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