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Order of Worship

Sunday, October 1, 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

One: As a community of faith, we gather to worship.
We come with our differences,
but with Christ as our common ground.

All: We gather to worship and be reminded of our connection to each other.

One: Come; let us invest ourselves in this time of worship.

All: Amen.

*Gathering Music *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* **W&R #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**

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In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- *Kathy Cramer, Lorraine Stanton, Alberta Samuelson Jack Madsen*

Prayers:

- For Bob Howieson who had a birthday last week. He entered into a new decade. God bless him and his future.
- Of thanks to God for being with my family when they needed God's healing
- For friends Eldora and Virgil and daughter-in-law Phyllis

The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY **9:30 am Worship** with Communion, Stations for Children in Overflow Room, Special Offering

Mon., 10/2 *10:00 am—2:00 pm Cindy's Office Hours*

Tues., 10/3 *6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder*

10:00 am—2:00 pm Cindy's Office Hours

1:00 pm—Quilters Group

3:00 pm—Talent Team Mtg.

Wed., 10/4 *7:00 pm—Search Committee Mtg.*

After school Logos program gr. 1-6

@ St. John's Lutheran Church

Thurs., 10/6 *7:30 pm—Bible & Brew at Maggie J's*

Sat., 10/7 *1:00—4:00 pm Pastor Cindy's 30th Anniversary of her Ordination Open House at their home—1503 Pulaski Rd. Buffalo, MN 55313*

Sun., 10/8 **9:30 am Worship, Special Offering Received**

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

Contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at

pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org **OR** 507/420-9707

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Words of Blessing & Distribution of the Bread & Cup

Communion is served in the pews today.

All are welcome to participate in this feast. Please hold the bread & cup until all are served so we might partake as one community.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our Creator and Sustainer:

All: Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus Christ and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day on which we worship and serve you.

***Song** *God, We Pause and Wonder* **See p. 7**

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***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: *Joyce Johnson*

Hospitality Team: *Lanny & Kathy Cox*

Organist: *Jola Walker*

Sound System: *Chad Kunkel*

Power Point: *Gary Fritz*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Council*

Local Mission Jar: *Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf*

***Prayer**

(Hands across your hearts.)

One: Almighty God, you have created us as a people each with different gifts.

All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world.

(Holding the hands of those next to you.)

One: You have created us, a people, to live in community.

All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world.

(Hands out palms facing up.)

One: You have created us, a people, and given gifts with which to serve you.

All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world.

(Hands up, palms reaching out.)

One: You have created us, and called us to serve.

All: Each an individual, all empowered to contribute in your world. Amen.

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: Generous God, you give us financial resources, opportunities, time, patience, and care. May we use the gifts from you to encourage others, share with others, and work with others, as we invest in your reign of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

***Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

Faith Forming Moment for All Ages

Children dismissed to the Overflow room at the rear of the sanctuary to take part in child-friendly activities during the sermon.

Faith Stories *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 & Matthew 6:19-21*

***Song** *God, Your Blessings Overflow* **Words Projected**

TUNE: *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX 7.7.7.7.7

From *Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship*.

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Verse 1

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, all our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.

Verse 2

Thank you for the life you give, for each friend and family.
For the land in which we live, for your love that sets us free.
Thank you God for daily bread, and for feasts of joy you spread.

Verse 3

So we join in thanks this day, so your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ the Way, loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express, all our daily thankfulness.

Message

Prayers of the People

Response after each prayer, "**Hear Our Prayer, O God.**"

Holy Communion

Children are invited back into worship to help in preparing the table

Song of Preparation *We Come to Your Feast* **Words Projected**

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We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white:
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture
lie here before our eyes.

**Refrain: We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
the greatest and the least.**

**We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
with the fruit of the lands and the work of our hands,
we come to your feast**

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(verse 2)

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we need,
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
to love in word and deed. **Refrain** (see p. 3)

(verse 3)

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;
we come to taste the presence
of him we claim as Lord, his dying and his living,
his leading and his giving, his love in cup out poured. **Refrain**

Invitation and Prayer of Preparation

One: Healing God, we come before you broken, yet
seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community,
overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking
grace:

All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

One God of Justice: We come before you selfish, yet
seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility,
responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

One: God of Peace: We come before you afraid, yet
seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity,
angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

One: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we
come to this communion table to be recreated through the
bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and
commitment.

**All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This
we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Santos

Words Projected

San-to, san-to san-to mi cor-a-zon te a-do-ra!
Mi cor-a-zon te sa-be de-cir: san-to e-res Dios.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, my heart, my heart a-dores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are ho-ly, God

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Next Week's (10/8) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Linda Whitney*

Hospitality Team:

Organist: *Jan Lange*

Sound System: *Chad Kunkel*

PowerPoint: *Jay McCutchen*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Women's Fellowship*

Mission Jar: *Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf*

Special Offering Received This Month



Neighbors in Need (UCC)
and World Mission (ABC)
special offering will be



received during the month of October.

The money received will be divided evenly
between our two denominations.

The focus of the UCC offering is to support ministries
of justice and compassion in the United States
and to support our
American Indian neighbors.

The focus of the ABC offering is on Peace and Justice,
Abolishing Global Slavery and Economic
and Community Development.

Your offering can be mailed to the church or put in the
small manila envelopes found in the pew racks at church.

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Giving God, We Pause and Wonder

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Verse 1

*Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithe
If we gave our gifts, Creator, hearts and hands to all opened wide?*

*We might earn, by gladly sharing, not to trust in things we own
But to risk – it's part of caring – and to trust in you alone.*

Verse 2

*We could do abundant mission,
sharing Christ who claims and frees.*

We could reach out with new vision in creative ministries.

*No more bound by limitations of what churches can't afford,
We could learn with jubilation whole new ways to serve you, Lord.*

Verse 3

*In each country that was struggling,
we could build a thousand schools,*

We could feed a million orphans and give countless farmers tools.

*As we gladly shared your blessings,
then the world might want to know:*

*"See! How loving are those Christians!
Who's the One who makes them so?"*

Verse 4

God, we know we cannot pay you for your love in Christ your Son.

*Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you" –
ways to pass your blessings on.*

*We have learned that, in our sharing,
we receive more than we give.*

By your Spirit, make us daring, in this joyful way to live.