

The United Church of Mapleton
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Order of Worship

Sunday, September 3, 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 & Opening Prayer

***Gathering Music Every Time I Hear the Spirit (vs 1) NCH #282**
(Words projected)

**Refrain: Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it
mov-ing in my heart I will pray.
Yes, ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it
mov-ing in my heart I will pray.**

Up-on the moun-tain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all a-round me; looked so fine;
I asked my God if all were mine. **Refrain**

*Call to Worship

One: Love's strong voice calls us to move beyond
all that divides us, one from another.

All: Come, let us follow Loves' lead.

One: With generous grace, love welcomes all that we are.

All: Come, let us follow Loves' lead.

One: Love invites us to be enfolded into a community
of mutual affection and respect.

All: Come, let us follow Loves' lead.

One: Love's tender voice stirs within us
a desire for harmony and peace.

All: Come, let us follow Loves' lead.

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Next Week's (9/10) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Cindy Mueller

Lay Reader: Lisa Shubert

Hospitality Team:

Organist: Jola Walker

Sound System: Dick Dietz

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

Contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org

**Annual Outdoor Service & Potluck Meal
at Daly Park Shelter near the playground**

**Next Sunday, September 10th
at 9:30 am**



Please bring either a salad, dessert, chips/dip, side dish or fruit. **The beverage, tableware and main course will be provided.**

Feel free to bring personal lawn chairs, and any lawn games. We need assistance transporting chairs and various items needed for the service and potluck meal. Contact the office if you can help with this task. Thank you!

Have a great weekend!

LABOR DAY



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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: Carolyn Becker

Hospitality Team: Dave Byram

Organist: Kathy Byram

Sound System: Dick Dietz

Power Point: Gary Fritz

Coffee Fellowship Donations: Council

Local Mission Jar: The Backpack Program

Altar Flowers are in celebration of: Joe and Sheila Samuelson's 40th wedding anniversary!

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- Kathy Cramer & Alberta Samuelson

Prayers:

- For all those suffering and healing from hurricane Harvey
- May the God given skill of doctors help those in pain

The United Church Calendar For this Week

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

TODAY 9:30 am **Worship** with Communion / L&F collections

Tues., 9/5 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder

Wed., 9/6 7:00 pm—**Search Committee Mtg.**

Fri., 9/8 9:00 am—2:00 pm Cindy's Office Hours

Sat., 9/9 10:00 am—2:00 pm Cindy's Office Hours

Sun., 9/10 9:30 am **Worship at Daly Park West Shelter**
followed by a Potluck

One: Love makes us kin with all in Christ and reveals how we are to live together.

All: Come, let us follow Loves' lead.

One: Love creates space for worship so we can rest in Sabbath's time.

All: Come, let us follow Loves' lead.

*Claiming Our Brokenness

All: O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve in your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Unconditional Love & Forgiveness

Offering Our Gifts

*Singing Our Praise to God

TUNE: Old Hundreth

From all who dwell beneath the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue! Amen.

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: May our offerings be an expression of genuine love that reflects your love for us, O God. We seek to honor you as we serve one another in Christ's name. We reach out to overcome evil with good. Direct our use of these resources you entrust to us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints but also devote your lives to the building of a peaceable worldwide community in which all are valued. Amen.

Faith Stories Shared

Exodus 3:1-15 & Romans 12:9-21

* Song Here I Am, Lord (words projected) W&R #559
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Message

Prayers of the People

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

Sacrament of Communion

Song of Preparation *We Come to Your Feast* (words projected)
CCLI# 11164320

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

(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 need,
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
to love in word and deed. **Refrain**

(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**

Prayer & Distribution of the Bread & Cup

Communion is served by intinction today—

*please come forward by the center aisle to receive the elements.
Because Christ is the host of this table, it matters not who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome to receive these gifts of the feast.*

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Holy One, you gave us this day our daily bread
and nourished us with Christ's presence.

All: We thank you.

Pastor: Send us from this meal, with the Bread of Life,

All: to feed all who hunger for your Word.

Pastor: Send us from this meal,

All: to care for your gift, this fragile and beautiful planet.

Pastor: Send us from this meal with the Cup of Life,

All: to work for justice with joy, a world sharing the abundance of God.

Pastor: Make of us your salt and light and leaven.

All: In Christ's name we pray.

***Song** *The God of Abraham Praise* **NCH #24**

(words projected)

The God of A-braham praise, all prais-es to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, for-e'er the same!

The one e-ter-nal God, be-fore what now ap-pears;
the First, the Last: be-yond all thought through time-less years!

Verse 2

God's spir-it free-ly flows, high surg-ing where it will;
God spoke of old in proph-et's word; that word speaks still.
Es-tab-lished is God's law, and change-less it shall stand,
Deep writ-ten on the hu-man heart, in ev-ery land.

Verse 3

God has e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.
All praise the liv-ing God! Ex-tol that hal-lowed name,
Who was, and is, and ev-er shall be still the same!

***Blessing**

***Sung Response** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* **NCH#526**
(sung through 2 times)

We are march-ing in the light of God,
We are march-ing in the light of God,
We are march-ing in the light of God,
We are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march-ing, Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.

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