

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany — January 29, 2023



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PRELUDE

Who May Dwell in Your Sacred Tent (Psalm 15)
Jon Gaines, pianist

Graham Gaines

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON) inspired by Psalm 15

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary?

Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary?

Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary?

Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**Many: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead
and answer your call.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

Black No. 537

***INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)**

**Just and Loving God, we enter into your sacred spaces, in sanctuaries and in homes,
in public gatherings and private places. You bridge time and space to forge us as a
beloved community. You, O Sovereign, make plain the way of life for us. Encourage
us to join your journey, to love your children and creation, and to contribute to your
kin-dom on earth. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

***RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 241

Spirit divine, attend our prayers

And make this world thy home;

Descend with all thy gracious powers,

O come, great Spirit, come!

**Please stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Blessing of Ushers & Scripture Readers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

OFFERING

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the church. Collection boxes are located at both sanctuary entrances, on the church office door,
and the church mailbox outside the Chapel.*

OFFERTORY

Blessed Are They

Lee Dengler

***DOXOLOGY**

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red No. 64

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:1-8 & Matthew 5:1-12

Michael Polagye
Pew Bible pg. 805;837

MESSAGE

"The Law and God's Will For Us"

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

***CLOSING HYMN**

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

Black No. 181

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Hearts
Jon Gaines, pianist

Walter Greatorex

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction.
The Postlude is transitional music which inspires us as we go forth
as disciples to serve God and one another.
Worship has ended. Our service begins...*



Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering boxes.
We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors. No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!

*The altar flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
 Marjorie & Charles Spear
 and Dodie & Joe Sauer
 Given by Deborah & Jeff Sauer*

*The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
 Janett Lavender
 Given by the Lavender & Tobin Families*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
 Janett Lavender
 Given by the Lavender and Tobin families*

Sunday's Servants:

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