

Order of Worship for October 25, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
With Guest Organist, Robert Humphreville

We extend special thanks to our guest artist, organist Robert Humphreville, for offering music for worship today. Rob has been a good friend of Maple Street Church for many years; he is a skilled and expressive musician who uplifts and enhances worship music, especially through his moving hymn-playing and improvisations. The words of each hymn are included in the on-line bulletin and streaming on the screen; please enjoy this opportunity to sing along! Thank you, Rob!

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Muriel E. Love and Margaret M. Wheeler
given by Peggy Kuzma and the Shannon Family*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
my son, Ted Bartlett
Given by Pat Newman*

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prelude

Call to Worship Adapted Psalm 90

One: Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Two: In you, we come home—
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you

One: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

Two: In you, we are home—
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.

Hymn

Praise to the Living God

Robert Humphreville
words: Curtis Beach, tune: DIADEMATA

1. Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.
2. Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,
Whose spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal,
Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.
3. Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.
4. Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. So now in this generation, so now in this day, dwell among us as we gather in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You are God, we are mortals;

You are from everlasting to everlasting.

We are like grass; we flourish and wither in your sight. Satisfy us in this morning in your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Grant us the vision to see with eyes of faith to see as Moses did into the land of promise, the things you will yet do in our lives, in our homes and in our church. Our hope is in you, Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 today 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, for ever and ever, Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We acknowledge before you, O God, that we are drawn into doubt and distraction. We succumb to the adoration of this world, that clouds us from your promises. We need to be noticed, we crave being honored and look for attention which separates us from your purposes. We have ignored the true teacher who calls us to lives of humility, kindness and service toward others. Forgive us. Help us to practice the teachings of Jesus. As we long to place our burdens on you, confident that you will lighten our journeys, as we long to ease the burdens of our friends, families, neighbors, and creatures of earth. Set us on your path, O God, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Our salvation and joy do not depend on anything we have done,

But comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ.

This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,

Thanks be to God, Amen

Welcoming of New Members: *Michael Polagye & Sandra Waddell*

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Hymn

Praise God for This Congregation

Robert Humphreville

words: Charles N. Gross, tune: Austrian Hymn

1. Praise God for this congregation gathered here on Maple Street,
Living years in love's devotion, joining hands with those we meet.
Celebrate this Church's mission; tell of hope that we embrace.
Christ has given us the vision in this sacred, holy place.

2. We are built on past foundations of a people strong and free,
Off'ring us their affirmations in this faith community.
God has led our parents forward by their labors true and right;
Christ the promise, leading onward they who follow in this light.

3. Praise God for this congregation and the faith we dare to claim.
Fix in us a new creation, calling one and all by name.
Celebrate our new beginnings, linking us in unity.
Christ empow'rs our deepest yearnings as we grow in ministry.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Offering

Doxology

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Blue 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 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17**Message**

"Living into God's Promises"

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

Hymn*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Robert Humphreville

words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, tune: CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
2. From the evils that surround us and assail the savior's ways,
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,
Make our broken spirits whole.
4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty,
In the quest for liberty.
5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

Benediction**Postlude**

Weekly Announcements & Events

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 10am: *Sunday Worship with Organist, Robert Humphreville & Welcoming New Members*

Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6pm: *Prayer & Table via Zoom*

Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7pm: *Trustees Meeting*

Thursday, Oct. 29 at 12pm: *Bible Study via Zoom*

Thursday, Oct. 29 from 4pm-6pm: *Youth & Family Pumpkin Decorating & Carving in Parking Lot (supplies provided)*

Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7pm: *Small Group Ministry via Zoom*

Sunday, Nov. 1 at 10am: *First Sunday Family Worship & Communion*

Email the Church Office or Pastor Pam for the Zoom meeting links:

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Super Saturday is going Virtual! *Saturday, October 24, 2020 & Saturday, October 31, 2020*

Please join us for our first Virtual Super Saturday - two days of worship, workshops, and networking - October 24, 2020 and October 31, 2020. Sign up for one day or two, two workshops or four. It's up to you! The cost per workshop is only \$10. **Register here:** <https://sneucc-reg.brtapp.com/SSOct2020>

Thanksgiving Ingathering Service –*Sunday, November 15th*
brought to you by the World Service Committee

Since we are not worshipping in our building and because the Food Pantry is under constructions and asking for gift cards, we thought it would be fun to set up a donation drive- by in the church parking lot following the service. You can also drop off your donation in the church office prior to the 15th. In addition, we ask that children make and bring cards for those in our congregation who are connected with our Care Givers Team.

So remember:

Gift Card or Money

Drive by in the church parking lot to drop it off

Cards for our Care Givers Team to take to our members