



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
February 27, 2022 · Transfiguration Sunday
The Indescribable Radiance of Love & Sacrament of Baptism
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!

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Judy Bonnell, piano

William Bradbury,
arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Something drew us together this morning
All: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship
One: Some holy mystery we call God
All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus
One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit
**All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears
and prepare us to love the world.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Christ Is the World's True Light*

1. Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation,
The daystar clear and bright for all God's vast creation;
New life, new hope awakes where'er hearts own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
2. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake our fear
To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.
3. One Lord in one great name, unite us all who own you;
Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone you;
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace and reign.

INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

**O God, you are beyond words and description, your love is beyond knowledge
and explanation. Make our hearts ready to receive you. Change us, we pray,
that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.
We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

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.**

***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!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*We welcome the family and friends of
Peter Parker Morse who is being baptized here today.
Peter is the son of Elizabeth & William Morse.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down in the River to Pray Traditional, arr. Mary Cay Brass
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS— Luke 9:28-36

pew Bible pg. 900-901
Donna Mandriota

SERMON

"Radiant Love"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The needs of our world are too numerous to name.
Shelter, food, clean air and water...
Our gifts touch these needs,
but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world
so much that we give of ourselves.
Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love.
So as you place money in the offering (plate, basket, etc.) today,
don't let your giving be done.
Start planning to go deeper. May God now bless our hopes and dreams.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts, we pray.
May they represent just the beginning of our journey
to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.

***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!**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Black No. 182

BENEDICTION

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.
We have been changed.
We can't be silent anymore.
We have seen the Light of the World.
Go and share the radiance of love!

*(Worship Ways "The Indescribable Radiance of Love:"
Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr.)*

POSTLUDE

Piece in Bb Major
Judy Bonnell, piano

Felix Mendelssohn

*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. . .*

*We extend special thanks to Judy Bonnell,
who is substituting for Ji Hye today at the piano.*

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in honor of
Robyn Morin's & Nicole Bradstreet's Birthdays
Given by Mum & Dad*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
my husband Stephen Kuzma
Given by Peggy Kuzma*

Sunday's Servants:

Ushers: Doris Small & Karen Hagan
Deacons: Peggy Coyne & Lew Hathaway
Scripture Reader: Donna Mandriota

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Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10am

Our Sunday Morning Worship service features an in-person worship service at 10am in the Sanctuary that is also livestreamed on our social media platforms to viewers at home. For those who wish to join in worship from home, you can watch the service livestreamed at 10am on our

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MapleStreetChurchWelcomes, on our website: www.maplestreetchurch.org, or watch courtesy of DCAT Public Access on Comcast 99 or Verizon 36.

Zoom Prayer & Table Worship — Tuesdays at 6pm

Zoom Bible Study — Thursdays at 12noon

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm;
Fridays: 9 am – 2 pm working remote**

Know someone in need of support from the Care Giver's Team
or who would like to be added to the prayer chain?

Contact Pastor Pam (781-956-2371)

& Pastor Douglas (781-363-2380) directly on their cell phones.

LIGHT THE STEEPLE~

Our lighted steeple is an important symbol of our presence in the community. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends or to commemorate a special event help keep the steeple lighted. **If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.**

Please light steeple in memory of: _____

OR in honor/celebration of:

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

Signed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

