



O God, we hear your voice  
and we see the way of Jesus set before us.  
But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again  
to live up to our baptismal vows  
and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.  
In repentance we ask you to forgive us.  
Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

Friends, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus.  
God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way.  
Thanks be to God.

**Special Music**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  
Kathy Gross, flute  
Ji Hye Jung, piano

Tune: HYFRYDOL

**Children's Message**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

**Scripture—Mark 1:4-11**

**Message**

“Pour Out Your Waters”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos, embraced them, and called them good. Jesus, baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, became living water for us and embraces all of us. Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized and all others who come seeking. We follow Jesus with our Baptism, marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being. We join Jesus in love and service. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to see, feel, and hear again the vows of Baptism.

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your Baptism?

**People: I do.**

Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

**I do.**

Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

**I do**

Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

**I do.**

Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

**I do.**

In renewing your baptismal vows,  
remember your Baptism as a mark of affirmation  
and welcome into the care of Christ's church  
where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

**A Unison Prayer**

**O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received.**

**We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us,  
that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.**

**In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.  
Establish us to be places of refreshment.  
Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people,  
that we may rightly and justly serve you.  
Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.**

### **Offering and Dedication**

Faithful God, Bless us in our baptismal calling  
to be in the ministry of showing hospitality to others.  
We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used  
not for conquest and dominance,  
but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people  
who pray for our liberation as well as their own.  
Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.

### **Hymn**

*What Was Your Vow and Vision*

Tune: AURELIA

What was your vow and vision, revealed and recognized,  
Christ, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized?  
Was there a sudden splendor or prophets, priests, and kings,  
A wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?

Was this God's call, the crowning of all you had become:  
"Go, show and tell my coming, my own, my chosen one"?  
Did scripture join with scripture, revealing in surprise  
The triumph of a servant rejected and despised?

We meet you at the water and ponder why and how,  
In hope that we may follow where God is going now,  
Anointed by your Spirit, reborn, and energized,  
Through deed and word proclaiming: "In Christ we are baptized!"

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Atkinson, Thelma Kimball, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Atkinson,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dever  
Given by Judy Manuel*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of  
Kim Hersey  
Given by Dana Hersey*

# Announcements & Events



## Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan 10 at 10am: *First Sunday after Epiphany Worship*

Tuesday, Jan 12 at 7pm: *Deacons Meeting on Zoom*

Wednesday, Jan 13 at 6:30pm: *CE Meeting on Zoom*

Sunday, Jan 17 at 10am: *Second Sunday after Epiphany & MLK Service*

Monday, Jan 18 at 7pm: *DTP Church Discussions on Zoom*

Tuesday, Jan 19 at 10am: *DTP Church Discussions on Zoom*

Wednesday, Jan 20 at 6:30pm: *Nursery School Meeting on Zoom*

Thursday, Jan 21 at 7pm: *DTP Church Discussions on Zoom*

Friday, Jan 22 at 11am: *DTP Church Discussions on Zoom*

Sunday, Jan 24 at 10am: *Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship*

Tuesday, Jan 26 at 7pm: *Trustees Meeting on Zoom*

Sunday, Jan 31 at 10am: *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Worship*

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links:

[info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)

## **ALL CHURCH SURVEY**--*January 2- January 11*

**The survey was sent in an email on Jan 2nd - if you did not receive it please check your spam folder or email the Church Office for the survey link: [info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)**

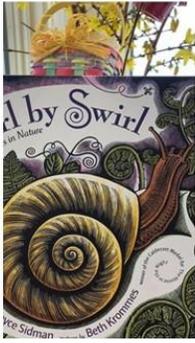
The Designated Term Pastor Subcommittee has been tasked with assessing how the new structure of pastoral leadership is working for the members of our Congregation. As a reminder, in 2019, we entered into Designated Term Pastor agreements to fill the roles of our church leadership. This involved hiring Pastor Douglas as Pastoral Care Minister, and making Pastor Pam the Lead/Family Minister. The Designated term ends on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Our committee will be gathering information during the month of January and making a recommendation for the roles of permanent leadership to be voted on at a late February Congregational meeting. As part of our research we are asking the Congregation to fill out a survey. The survey is quick and easy and we are hoping to hear from everyone. **Please watch your inbox for the survey which will be available only from January 2-11.** (Note: those without email will be called.) After results are collected, we will be hosting follow-up Zoom meetings for further discussion. Meeting dates and times to be announced soon. Thank you from the DTP subcommittee: Peggy Coyne, Sarah Prescott, Peggy Kuzma, Marj Simpson & Pam Spearing

## **2020 Statement of Giving**

If you need an end of the year statement of your giving to MSC for 2020 please contact the Church Office:

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**Story Time**  
*with Pastor Pam*



**Virtual**  
**Prayer & Table**  
**Tuesdays at 6pm**  
  
via Zoom if interested email Pastor Pam:  
[revpammsc@gmail.com](mailto:revpammsc@gmail.com)

**Drop In & Conversation**  
**with the Pastors**  
  
Wednesdays at 12noon via Zoom  
  
Email the Church Office or Pastor Pam for the  
Zoom meeting links:  
[info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)  
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**Wednesday**  
**Bible Study**  
**12noon**  
  
via Zoom if interested email Pastor Pam:  
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