



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

**NOVEMBER 7, 2021 • FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP
& SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

*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

Rev. Douglas Vooyos

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted Psalm 100)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

People: we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise.

People: Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

All: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

***HYMN**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

words: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,

With you no shadow of turning we see.

You do not change, your compassions they fail not;

All of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed your hand has provided,

Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,

Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. **Refrain**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)**

Lord, we welcome you into this time of worship, surround us by your Holy Spirit as we praise you for your love and care. We turn over to you all the burdens of our hearts, clear our minds, and center us into your love and mercy, open us to your warm embrace as we worship you, Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this world thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious power, O come, great Spirit, come!**

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mysterious God, we thank you for the many ways you make your presence known among us. We know you are there, supporting us, encouraging us, and challenging us, and yet we confess that we often ignore your presence. We would rather live the unexamined life rather than be unsettled by the task of knowing you better. We would rather speak of regular things than admit to others that we have felt the presence of God. And when we do not feel your presence, we wonder if something is wrong with us. Forgive us Lord. Help us to be open to the presence of your Spirit. When we feel your presence, help us to remain in that challenging place. When we are encouraged by your love, make us bold to share that feeling with others. Send us into the world to share with others signs of your grace and peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

Chancel Choir

Kathy Gross, flute; Ji Hye Jung, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Alex Shea Will

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 this day our daily bread and 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of green pastures and still waters, continue to be present and to lead us your children, bless these gifts we offer, ones that have been given us by your hand, that they may become part of your banquet prepared for 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!

SCRIPTURE READING — John 10:11-18, Psalm 23

Mike Polagye

SERMON

“Your Shepherd Story“

Rev. Douglas Vooy

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread

Music: Jacques Berthier Words: Robert Batastini & the Taize Community

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst. (repeat)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Rev. Alex Shea Will

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for gathering us around this table where we find signs of your presence. We thank you for bread that strengthens us for the challenges of human life, and for the cup of Christ, which remind us of your love for us. Send us out into the world to be your disciples, to live boldly even in the midst of our uncertainties, and to share with others the miracle of your presence in our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***HYMN** *For Your Generous Providing* Tune: Holy Manna; Words: Leith Fisher

1. For your gen-er-ous providing which sustains us all our days,
For your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,
Fearless, we can face tomorrow for your grace will be enough.
 2. Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray
Till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day:
Bread for us and for our neighbor, bread for body, mind, and soul,
Bread of heaven and human labor - broken bread that makes us whole.
- (Ending)
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Bread of heaven and human labor – broken bread that makes us whole.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

We extend special thanks to Ed Rozmiarek, our song-leader for worship this morning.

*The flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Chester W. & Josephine B. Potter; Lloyd E. & Helen L. Potter (both WWII);
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Kay Langley
Given by Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet*