



# MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

*April 24, 2022 · Second Sunday of Easter*

*We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.*

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads,

**Many: The Christ is in our midst.**

One: Inside of sanctuaries or outside of church buildings

**Many: The Christ is in our midst**

One: In heaven's realm or the cyber universe

**Many: The Christ is in our midst.**

## \*HYMN

*Rejoice, God's Song Is Heard*

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH;  
words: Charles N. Gross

1. Rejoice, God's song is heard within a barren tomb;  
A melody does sound instead of death's dark gloom.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Rejoice, God's light is seen behind these walls of fear;  
Dawn cannot be denied, the promised joy is here.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. Rejoice, sing now of God who drives the night away;  
Sing praise to love's own call, new courage for today.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. Rejoice, Christ is alive, a new song here on earth;  
Where love is heard and seen and spirits know rebirth.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
5. Rejoice, Thou, Prince of Peace, through whom we heed love's call;  
Redeeming, freeing us to be God's love for all.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**God of the visible and invisible,  
We gaze upon roads ahead  
Knowing that you are ahead of us.  
We seek your presence when the fog is heavy  
And our hearts are hurting.  
In the moments of haze,  
Clear the path before us.  
In the moments of clarity,  
Show your face to us.  
Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night  
As we search for your presence and call. Amen.**

*in the name of the one who comes in the name of the Lord we pray...*

## **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.**

## **\*SUNG 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!**

## **PRAYER OF REFLECTION & GROWTH**

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

The God who walks with us scatters the seeds of grace behind us and before us,  
allowing us to understand the future with healing and hope. Amen!

## **ANTHEM**

*I Am the Lord of the Dance*  
Chancel Choir

Shaker Melody 19th c.,  
adapted: Sydney Carter; arr. Joel Raney

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*The Angel Rolled the Stone Away*  
Chancel Choir

Traditional, arr. Peter Amidon

**\*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!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Holy God, Holy Light, even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us.  
Even in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make your presence known,  
calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this world. May the gifts we share today  
and each day hereafter create a Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING — John 20:19:31**

Alden Duffill  
Black pew Bible pgs. 945

**SERMON**

*“Peace Be With You”*

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

Black Hymnal No. 51

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*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. . .*

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of  
Blenda & Eugene Acheson  
Given by Karen Kane*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of  
George & Rachel Bradstreet  
Given by Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet*

**Sunday's Servants:**

Ushers: Judy Drouin, Adrienne Bradstreet, & Linda Matthews  
Deacon: Ray Lavender  
Scripture Reader: Alden Duffill

**Stay Connected:**

**Morning Worship Service — Sundays 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](https://www.facebook.com/MapleStreetChurchWelcomes), on our website: [www.maplestreetchurch.org](http://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

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