



Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

for April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter – Shining Your Light

We are glad to welcome Judy Bonnell, pianist and long-time friend of Maple Street Church, to worship today. Judy is substituting for Ji Hye Jung, who is away.

Prelude

Sarabande
Judy Bonnell, piano

Claude Debussy

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Come walk in the light.

All: We walk together as children of light and love.

One: Come, gather in the love of God.

All: We gather together as children of light and love.

One: Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

All: We live together as children of light and love.

Opening Prayer

Light of the world, shine upon us with your Holy Spirit.

Gather in our midst,

that we might know you are truly here.

Guide us in unity and love,

that we might be a blessing of unity and love for the world.

Prayer of Confession

You know us so very well, Christ Jesus.

You know our doubts and our questions, and you love us enough to welcome such doubts and questions.

You know our fractures and divisions, and you love us enough to invite us, to forgive one another and live in unity.

You know the shadows that tempt us, and still, you shine your light within, inviting warmth and welcoming us back to your path of peace and love.

Thank you for loving us.

That we may walk in the light, and live in unity together.

In your gracious love, we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance and Pardon

God is faithful in love and grace,
making our confession welcome
and cleansing for the soul.

Rejoice! We are children of light,
even when we falter,

God's love is strong enough to bring us back
to the light of forgiveness and grace.

Special Music

Let All Things Now Living
Kathy Gross, flute
Judy Bonnell, piano

Tune: ASH GROVE, words: Katherine K. Davis

Children's Message

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prayers of the People

The 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 and Thanksgiving

Scripture—1 John 1:1-2:2; Psalm 133; Acts: 4:32-35; John 20:19-31

Message

Basking in The light

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

Closing Hymn

Jesus, the Light of the World Tune: ELDERKIN, words: Charles Wesley
Kathy Gross, flute
Judy Bonnell, piano

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the Christ we bring, Jesus, the light of the world.

CHORUS: We will follow the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

2. Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. CHORUS
3. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus, the light of the world,
Christ, the everlasting word, Jesus, the light of the world. CHORUS
4. Hail, the bearer of God's peace, Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness, Jesus, the light of the world. CHORUS.

Benediction

Easter People,
Children of God,
Live in the light,
The light of unity and love,
The light of faith and hope.
The light of God, for all the world to know.
Go in Peace. Amen

Postlude

Higher Ground
Judy Bonnell, piano

Charles Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Anne Goodnow Hanson & Alden Goodnow
Given by Lois and Family*

*The steeple is lit in loving memory of
Alexander Tarasuk
Given by Sheila Crotts*

Announcements & Events

Sunday, April 11 at 10am: *Second Sunday of Easter followed by Congregational Mtg on Zoom*

Tuesday, April 13 at 7pm: *Deacons Mtg on Zoom*

Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm: *CE Mtg on Zoom*

Sunday, April 18 at 10am: *Third Sunday of Easter Worship*

Monday, April 19: *CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED All Day due to water main work*

Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm: *World Service Mtg on Zoom*

Thursday, April 22 at 7pm: *Small Group Film Discussion on Zoom*

Sunday, April 25 at 10am: *Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship*

Tuesday, April 27 at 7pm: *Trustees Mtg on Zoom*

Saturday, May 1 at 10am-12pm: *World Service Drive for Lifebridge Thrift Shop in church parking lot*

Sunday, May 2 at 10am: *Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship*

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: info@maplestreetchurch.org

Every Tuesday at 6pm: *Prayer & Table*

Every Wednesday at 12noon: *Chat with the Pastors via Zoom*

Every Thursday at 12noon: *Virtual Bible Study*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: **SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

The meeting will follow the church service (about 11:00 AM) on Zoom.

This is a very important meeting to vote on changes to our Bylaws. Since we have not had a quorum since our last Annual Meeting in May 2020, we must reaffirm all our previous votes this year at our Annual Meeting, and the first step is making changes to the Bylaws at this meeting.

The next inSpire deadline is **April 20th**. Send submissions to info@maplestreetchurch.org. The next inSpire will cover May- July.

Annual Meeting Reports from Committees are due to the church office by **April 30th**. Email reports to info@maplestreetchurch.org

SATURDAY

MAY 1st

10am-12pm

in MSC parking lot:

World Service will host a spring collection for Lifebridge Thrift Shop & Bootstraps

See the Weekly Update email for more details

WARRANT FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

To the legal voters of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC:

You are hereby notified that a Congregational Meeting of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC, Danvers, Massachusetts, will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 via Zoom/Video Conference at the close of the Worship Service (11:00 a.m.). (The link to this meeting (for Zoom) and a call-in number (non-Zoom) can be found in the Weekly Update and/or in the email meeting reminder.

Agenda:

1. Receive a presentation from the Maple Street Church ("MSC") By-Laws Review Task Force on proposed changes to the MSC By-Laws.
2. Consider and discuss the Task Force's recommended changes to the MSC By-Laws such as reducing the quorum requirement at congregational meetings from fifty (50) voting members to 10 percent of MSC's current active members and the make-up of committees.
3. Vote to accept the recommended changes to the MSC By-Laws.
4. Transact any other business that may legally come before it.
5. Adjourn.

Documents to support the warrant:

Copy of the MSC By-Laws with recommended changes.

Scott Spearing

Clerk