



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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. Pam Cochrane

PRELUDE

Judy Bonnell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I am the church; you are the church.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

Congregation: We are the church together.

Leader: We need each other to be the church.

Congregation: We are the church together.

HYMN

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Tune: MARION,
words: Edward Plumptre

1. Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
Your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
2. Bright youth and seasoned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
3. With voices full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
5. Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore,
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, you call us to pray and sing when we are grieving,
when we are sick, and when we are filled with joy.

You remind us that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective.

Receive our prayers, in this service of worship and always – both the ones we speak,
the ones we hold in our hearts and the ones we express in all the ways we know.

Send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Summons
Chancel Choir

John Bell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
No one stands alone, standing side by side. Draw the circle wide. (Gordon Light)*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 — Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

"Salt of The Earth"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Tune: BEECHER
words: Jane P. Huber

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old.
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Judy Bonnell

*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 pianist, Judy Bonnell,
who is substituting for Ji Hye this morning.*

*The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
Jim Moller and Joanne Moller Burke
Given by the Moller family*

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