



**MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
***February 20, 2022 · Seventh Sunday after Epiphany***

*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 Vooy's

**PRELUDE**

Ji Hye Jung

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow?  
Find me at your table,  
**All: We'll share your food**  
One: Find me in your resources,  
**All: We'll share your riches**  
One: Find me in your power,  
**All: We'll share your mercy**  
One: Find me in your pain,  
**All: We'll Share your forgiveness**  
One: Find me in your generosity,  
**All: We'll share all, and expect nothing in return**  
One: In community, seek my holiness,  
**All: We follow you in love, generosity, joy**  
One: In the world, share my desire:  
**All: We follow you in justice, mercy and peace for all!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Black No. 495

**INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**Holy One, you are deep within our world,  
calling us to joy in creating abundant life for all.  
Open our hearts to recognize you  
free us to trust your call and follow.  
Enable us to repent, and forgive,  
and join in your work to make "all things new".  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, your call is deceptively simple:  
“Do to others as you would have them do to you”  
and yet we cling to self-serving ways which  
separate us from your beloved creation:  
you call us to turn our lives around,  
to risk repentance and learn forgiveness,  
to work with patience and diligence  
to prepare the way for your Reign,  
but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

**All: Lord, have mercy**

You call us to be full of joyful confidence  
to create community where all have enough for abundant life,  
but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

**All: Christ, have mercy**

You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice,  
but too often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate:

**All: Holy One, have mercy**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Our God is good, and generous, and loving.  
Trust in Jesus’ promise: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed  
down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap;  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Amen.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Peace Like a River*  
Chancel Choir

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Joel Raney

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In the name of Christ, who is the way, and calls us to acts of forgiveness  
and justice, we pray saying...

## **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.**

## **\*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!**

## CALL TO OFFERING

When we give our tithes and offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love that we have all shared, you are invited to bring your gifts forward faithfully sharing them for the abundance of the kingdom's mercy for those needing community.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts we humbly pray O' God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, **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 READINGS**— Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 and Luke 6:27-38

Michael Polagye

## SERMON

*"The Worth of a Person"*

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*I Am the Light of the World*

Black No. 584

## BENEDICTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being right where you are. Christ, who indwells you by the power of his Spirit, wants to do something in and through you. **Believe this and go in his grace, his love, his power.** In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of  
Edward O. Foerster, C.A. Leone, Salvatore Leon, Elaine Leon,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Duffill Sr.  
Given by the Duffill family*

*The chancel flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of  
Arthur C. Vooyo  
Given by Rev. Douglas Vooyo & Paul Romary  
and his loving grandchildren and great grandchildren*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of  
Louise Gould  
Given by her daughter Susan Gould-McGrath*

## **Sunday's Servants:**

Deacons: Lew & Marge Hathaway  
Scripture Reader: Michael Polagye

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## Sunday Morning Worship Service 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**

Know someone in need of support from the Care Giver's Team or who would like to be added to the prayer chain?

Contact Pastor Pam (781-956-2371)

& Pastor Douglas (781-363-2380) directly on their cell phones.

### LIGHT THE STEEPLE~

Our lighted steeple is an important symbol of our presence in the community. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends or to commemorate a special event help keep the steeple lighted. **If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.**

Please light steeple in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** in honor/celebration of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested date (if available) to light: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

