



# MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

AUGUST 22, 2021 • TWENTY-FIRST 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!*

## PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

## WELCOME

Rev Pam Cochrane

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The beauty of flowers, the chorus of birdsong, the glimmer of sunrise

**All: invite us to worship God, creator and sustainer of life.**

One: The smiles and laughter of children (as they run under the sprinkler)

**All: invite us to worship God, who wishes us to live life to the fullest.**

One: The struggle of those who are sick or enduring life's trials

**All: invite us to worship God, whose way is compassion and wholeness.**

One: The crying needs of the world around us

**All: invite us to worship God, the source of justice and mercy for all.**

## HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

words: st. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint;  
st. 4, Miriam Therese Winter tune: DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Deep calls to deep, O God, and You have given us hearts and minds to be open to Your love and to ponder the great mysteries. Guide us in our search for understanding. Keep us to Your ways of love, justice, and mercy. Hold us to Your commandments to love You and to love our neighbors. Throughout our lives, may we continue to draw closer to You, to know more of Your ways, and to also be in awe at the vastness of the universe You made that we will never fully understand. Lead us, Eternal One, through life and death and into the great mystery of eternity. Amen.**

*Rev. Mindi: Rev-o-lution.org*

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

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

## **PRAYER OF BROKENNESS & BLESSING**

## **OFFERING & THANKSGIVING**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Psalm 23*      Tune: FINLANDIA, by Jean Sibelius  
Ed Rozmiarek, baritone      Words adapted by Ed Rozmiarek

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Douglas Vooy

## **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.**

## **SCRIPTURE — Ephesians 6:10–20**

## **MESSAGE**

“What Are You Wearing?”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*There's A Spirit in the Air*

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

Words: Brian Wren

1. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world."
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done;  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.
3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.
4. Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.
5. When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.
6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.
7. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the God that Christ revealed, living, working in our world."

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Shalom to You Now*

Traditional Spanish Melody

words by Elise Eslinger

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**POSTLUDE**

Ji Hye Jung

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction Response.  
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 our thanks to Ed Rozmiarek for sharing  
his gifts for music for worship today.*

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*The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of  
Stu Phinney and our son Jeff  
Given by Grace Phinney*

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