



**MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 • TWENTY-THIRD 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

Leader: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

Leader: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**People: Lord, help us to work for you.**

Leader: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**All: Lord, make us ready to witness and experience your healing love, Amen.**

## HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kirkpatrick

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us –  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**REFRAIN:** Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory:  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.   REFRAIN

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His name. Welcome God of love and grace to this time of worship and communion at your table of blessing, we pray your spirit of blessing to surround, and fill us with your holy light of inspiration, challenge and encourage us in this time of worship and praise. AMEN.

## 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

**Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of love and healing. We demonstrate brokenness and our need of your gift of life. We ask your power to renew us, body, mind and spirit. That through your love, healing and help we will be able walk in the way you always intended for us. Forgive us and lead and walk with us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Just as Jesus was able to cast out the demon and make the deaf to hear and speak, our merciful God loves and lifts our burdens from us and removes from us the failures of our past and turns us to new life. You are forgiven. Walk in Peace. AMEN.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Morning Has Broken*                      Gaelic Melody, arr. John Purifoy  
Kathy Gross, flute & Ji Hye Jung, keyboard

## **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.**

**SCRIPTURE** — Mark 7:24-37

### **MESSAGE**

“Crumbs From the Table”

Rev. Douglas Vooys

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** Institution · Lord's Prayer · Sharing of Bread & Cup

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Gracious God, we thank you for the healing elements of your nourishing meal, set at your table. For in this meal, we share to abundance as we celebrate and give thanks for Christ who lives in us every day. We feel your presence at this table and invite your love to fill our hearts and lives. We celebrate this meal with all your children around the world. May we be strengthened to carry your love with us in all we do and say. Amen**

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

words: Carl P. Daw;  
tune: BEACH SPRING

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.  
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as your forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.  
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

## **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 . . . .*

*The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of  
Howard & Katherine Anderson  
and the Rev. George & Eleanor Bayer  
Given by Kay & John Anderson*

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