

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

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PRELUDE

Rise

Graham Gaines

WELCOME & SHARING

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

One: The seeds have been sown and harvested.

All: Thanks be to God the sower!

One: The harvest was brought in and the grain ground down.

All: Thanks be to God who prepares the way for us!

One: All the ingredients came together and the dough was kneaded until it was mixed through.

All: Thanks be to God who hides love in us and kneads hope into our lives.

One: Now it is time to let the dough rest and rise. See what God can do as we are lifted up to become a new creation.

All: Thanks be to God who reminds us to rest and find transformation!

***OPENING HYMN**

All My Hope on God is Founded

Red No. 408

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)**

Divine Baker, you ask us to plant seeds of change, to harvest seeds of hope, to grind until justice is done, to mix everything together with the Spirit and to allow ourselves to be leavened. You demand that we rest. That we let creation breathe and rise on its own. That we watch as you transform the world around us with love. Holy One, you ask us to believe in a love so amazing that it can rise above violence, fear, scarcity, and shame. Open your worship and word to us now so that we hear anew your call to be part of the body of Christ and bread for a hungry world. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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. 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.

***RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 177

Center in us, O God, we pray,

Mindful of love, Your passions way.

Break forth within our darkest night.

From death's own cross, a holy light. Amen.

PRAYERS OF TRANSFORMATION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING & BLESSING OF GIFTS

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the church. Collection boxes are located at both sanctuary entrances, on the church office door,
and the church mailbox outside the Chapel.*

OFFERTORY	<i>The Lone, Wild Bird</i> Kathy Gross, Flute	<i>arr. David N. Johnson</i>
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*DOXOLOGY		Red No. 515
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**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

SCRIPTURE READING:	Isaiah 43:1-3, 1 John 4:7-12;19	Pew Bible pg.623, 1067
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MESSAGE	"Love Rising"	Kathy Gross
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READING	The Face of Simon from Cyrene	J. Barrie Shepherd
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ANTHEM	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	arr. Joel Raney
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READING	The Face of Magdalen	J. Barrie Shepherd
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ANTHEM	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>	Heather Sorenson
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READING	The Face of the Penitent	J. Barrie Shepherd
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ANTHEM	<i>He Will Hold Me Fast</i>	arr. James Koerts
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READING	Hope Weed	J. Barrie Shepherd
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*CLOSING HYMN	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Black No. 522
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>We Praise You, O God</i>	Edward Kremser
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**Please stand as you are able*



Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering boxes.
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!

*The altar flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
Stephen Napolitano
Remembered by his wife Jennifer Napolitano
and daughters Francesca & Miranda*

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