



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

May 8, 2022 · Fourth Sunday of Easter

We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on themes from Psalm 139)*

One: We gather together to worship
our loving, nurturing God,
who, like a mother,
knows us intimately,
loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need.

All: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

*HYMN

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Black Hymnal No. 22

INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

**Come, Loving God,
come as an enfolding
nurturing presence,
come as steadfast love
to hold us.**

**Come, Holy God,
come as an enabling
strengthening force,
come as tough love
to let us go.**

**Come, Mother God,
come as friend and comforter
healing our wounds,
walking our way,
come as wounded healer
to make us whole.**

— *written by Kate McIlhagga, & published in The Pattern of Our Days (ed. Kathy Galloway).*

**Please stand as you are able.*

in the name of the Risen Christ we pray...

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.**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Tune: Black Hymnal No. 253, refrain

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, as you call us more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence,
Let us acknowledge the ways our unbelief has separated us from your vision for our lives and
all creation.

- Moment of silence -

Friends, hear the Good News: God believes in us even when our belief in God is challenged.
God's grace and mercy abounds, and in God and Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM

A Loving Heart
Chancel Choir

Timothy Bushong

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In This Very Room
Chancel Choir

Don and Carol Harris

***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!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

We dedicate the gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let them do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need.

SCRIPTURE READING — Acts 9:36-43

Bruce Billingham
Black pew Bible pgs. 956

SERMON

“Knit Together”

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Black Hymnal No.4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*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. . .*

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Don Jacobson
Given by Eileen & Kris Jacobson*

Sunday's Servants:
Ushers: Sandy Waddell & Betty Nash
Deacon: Peggy Coyne
Scripture Reader: Bruce Billingham

Stay Connected:

Morning Worship Service — Sundays 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. You can watch the service live at 10am on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/MapleStreetChurchWelcomes

on our website: **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

Visiting Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10am – 1pm

Please enter through the Chapel doors during office hours. Natalie is in the office outside these hours, so if you need to call or make an appointment with the office or pastors, feel free to call, leave a voicemail, or email.

MSC Weekly Update: *to find out about events and community programs, please email us to be added to our Weekly Update email list.*

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