



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
AUGUST 15, 2021 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

WELCOME

Rev. Douglas Vooy

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God!

All: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

One: Give thanks to God! At all times and for everything!

All: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Together: We thank God that in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands, Amen.**

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: NICAEA
Words: Reginald Heber

1. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only.
From the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God of every thought, reality and place in our lives. Join with us as we gather today in your name, as we worship you in gratitude and thanksgiving. We praise you O'God for who you are and all that you have done for us in our lives. Send your Holy Spirit to surround us, envelope us, and fill us with your light. Inspire us into a deeper understanding of our faith, and knowing you, as revealed in this time of worship and praise together. 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 CONFESSION

You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of Covenants. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge of your ways? How can we claim to follow you when we walk the slippery roads of this world not caring where it may lead us? How can we desire your great steadfast love, when we fail to extend love, kindness, and compassion to others often making assumptions and quick judgments?

How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people? We seek your perfect wisdom, touch our hearts, transform our lives, and turn our greed into gratitude, our pettiness into praise, our tantrums into thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the one we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, God sent redemption for all.
In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.
In Christ, God offers us the cup of salvation,
Satisfying the hunger and thirst of a weary people.
We give thanks to God for everything:
Forgiveness, hope, and new life, Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, keyboard

Tune: Marion S.M.

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 5:15-20

MESSAGE

“Thanks-Living”

Rev Douglas Vooy

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Words: Joachim Neander

1. Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustained all creation!
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice – organ and trumpet and voice –
Joining God’s great congregation.
2. Praise God, our guard-ian, who lov-ing-ly offers correction,
Who, as on eagle’s wings, saves us from sinful dejection.
Have you observed, how we are always preserved
By God’s parental affection?
3. Sing praise to God, with sincere thanks for all your successes.
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.
Only conceive, what Godly strength can achieve:
Strength that would touch and caress us.
4. Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending.
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light! Soul ever keep this in sight:
Amen, amen never ending.

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

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Zoom Bible Study — Thursdays at 12noon

Summer Drop-In Hours with the Pastors — Tuesdays 10:00am - 1pm

Summer Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10 am – 1 pm

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