

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

*For the **B E A U T Y** of the Earth*

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Long Lake in Naples, Maine, shared by Lauren Shafner

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PRELUDE

Marj Simpson

WELCOME & SHARING

Rev. Pam Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the Day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Holy God let your light shine upon us.

All: Let your living water wash over us.

One: Open our hearts and renew our Spirit

All: So that we might be a blessing to your created world.

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

[Chorus] Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
(Chorus)

3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
(Chorus)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Sometimes, God, you call us to sit. Sometimes, God, you call us to stand. Sometimes, God, you call us to march. Sometimes, God, you call us to spend quiet time with a friend. Sometimes, God, you call us to try something new. Sometimes, God, you call us to retry the old and familiar. This can be confusing for us sometimes. Yet you, our loving God, promise to sustain us in all the difficult times. So help us to discern what you would have us do, and give us the strength to do it. Amen.

In the name of the one who guides us into the world 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**

Red No. 241

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

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Douglas Vooy

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Louis Blues
Faith Bertrand, accordion

W.C. Handy

Music note: In 1914, W.C. Handy penned a song that was to become a world-wide success and is sometimes called "The jazz man's Hamlet". A chance encounter with a woman who walked the streets of St. Louis, Mo., wailing over the disappearance of her husband, inspired this blues song. As I play this song it is in recognition of the thousands of Ukrainian women who are suffering the same loss while for different reasons. Think of this song as a memorial tribute and prayer for the safety of all Ukrainian men and the healing of their country.

SCRIPTURE READING — Deuteronomy 8:2; Psalm 105: 1-11

Paul Pepper

MESSAGE

"The Beauty of Remembrance"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

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

Marj Simpson

*We extend our thanks to Faith Bertrand for offering today's special music
and to Marj Simpson for playing piano for worship this morning.*

*The flowers this Sunday are given
in loving memory of Rollin Shannon
Given by Sally Shannon
&
in loving memory of Melissa Barrowclough
Given by Claire & Charles Poirier*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to access our website and to donate online.



*We'll be sharing photos of our theme
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
online all summer long. If you'd like to share a photo,
send it to: info@maplestreetchurch.org*

***Rev Douglas will be away on vacation July 18 - August 2.
The church building will be closed July 25– 29 for annual cleaning.***

Stay Connected:

Morning Worship Service — Sundays at 10am

Our Sunday Morning Worship service features an in-person worship service that is also
livestreamed 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

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

**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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