

# MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

*April 3, 2022 · Fifth Sunday of Lent  
& Service of Communion*



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### READ:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? + Isaiah 43:19

### REFLECT:

Look up the lyrics to the old hymn, "Now the Green Blade Riseth." Find a good recording (Steve Winwood has a great one). Listen hard. What do the lyrics evoke in you? What connections can you make to your life today, and in the days to come?

**PRAY:** Make me like wheat. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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**WELCOME**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**PRELUDE**

Jihye Jung

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Family of God, we gather as God's people, and we bring what we have.

**Many: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**

One: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

**Many: Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**

One: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

**Many: Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.**

**\*HYMN**

*Praise to the Living God*

Black No. 8

**INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)**

**Holy One, we rejoice in your presence. We acknowledge that you have done great things in our history, in our present, and in our future. Our hope rests in you. We rejoice in confidence that you abide in our dry spaces and in our flowing streams. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your way. In our worship, part our lips in praise, open our hearts in love, and quench our spirits in worship.**

*in the name of one who invites us to the table 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** (sing twice)

Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

**PRAYER OF GROWTH & RESTORATION**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

The God of grace sees us fully, knows us fully, and loves us fully. May our eyes be ever open to see ourselves as God sees us and restore our souls.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The Potter's Hand*  
Chancel Choir

Darlene Zschech

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Douglas Vooy

## **SCRIPTURE READING—** John 12:1–8

Marjory Simpson  
pew Bible pg. 936

## **MESSAGE**

*“Go And Do Likewise”*

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your kin-dom. Amen.**

## **\*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!**

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Jesus Took the Bread*

Black No. 343

## **BENEDICTION**

As you go into the world, may the aroma of your faith fill the air around you. May your hope perfume your encounters. May your touch mend broken walls. And may the God of hope and peace, guide you, envelope you, and sustain you on the journey and in the work.

## **POSTLUDE**

Jihye Jung

*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  
Anne Goodnow Hanson & Alden Goodnow  
Given by Lois and Family*

**Sunday's Servants:**

Ushers: Lynne & Alden Duffill and Casey Brennan  
Deacon: Peggy Coyne  
Scripture Reader: Marjory Simpson

**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. For those who wish to join in worship from home, you can watch the service livestreamed at 10am on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MapleStreetChurchWelcomes](https://www.facebook.com/MapleStreetChurchWelcomes), on our website: [www.maplestreetchurch.org](http://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**

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm;  
Fridays: 9 am – 2 pm working remote

Know someone in need of support from the Care Giver's Team  
or who would like to be added to the prayer chain?  
Contact Pastor Pam (781-956-2371) or  
Pastor Douglas (781-363-2380) directly on their cell phones.