

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
March 5, 2023 · Second Sunday of Lent & Communion



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PRELUDE

Jon Gaines

WELCOME & SHARING

Rev. Pamela Cochran

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

One: When the seeds once planted finally sprout and mature, then it is time for the harvest.

All: We are ready to gather the abundance shared with us.

One: What shall we do with the bounty God has provided for us?

All: We will enjoy what we have been given and share our plenty with others.

One: The harvest reminds us to work, to enjoy, and then to rest.

All: God provides us with enough so that we can let love rise!

***OPENING HYMN**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Black No.18

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)**

God of the Harvest, we thank you for nourishing us with forgiveness and hope. You provide us with a generous portion of all that we need and ask us to share from it. As we harvest the grains of what will become the bread of life, we ask you to bless our work here together. If our pantries are full, then help us to share with others in need. If we are hungry, either in body or spirit, then fill us with all good things. Let this time of worship be like manna from heaven for our wounded souls and a reminder of the abundance of your crops in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

in the name of the one who leads us on our journey we pray...

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**

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION & WORDS OF GRACE

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

**Please stand as you are able*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

OFFERING

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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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Tune: HOLY MANNA;
Words: Sylvia Dunstan

***DOXOLOGY**

Red No. 515

**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: Exodus 16:1-8

Donna Eovacious
Pew Bible pg. 59

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

MESSAGE

"Manna"

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Generous God, having feasted at your table, been fed by your Word, and
nourished in the presence of our community, we thank you for the many
ways in which you have fed our bodies and souls today. We go out from this
church now renewed and revived, ready to live our calling anew to be a light in
the shadows, salt for the earth, bread for the world, seekers of justice and joy,
and your witness to all of creation. May our work and presence in the world bring
the promise of peace just a little bit closer each day. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

Black No. 425

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jon Gaines



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
Eugene & Blenda Acheson
Given by Karen Kane*

*The chancel flowers are given in honor of
Spencer's 10th & Calla's 8th Birthdays
Given by the McLlarky Family*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Louise Gould mother of Susan Gould
Given by Susan Gould
and*

*In loving memory of George & Della Bradstreet
Given by Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet*

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