

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATION CHURCH, UCC

MARCH 22, 2020 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

WELCOME WORDS

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship God!

All: Let's make a joyful noise to our God!

One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

All: Let's make a joyful noise to our God!

One: Make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

All: Let's make a joyful noise to our God!

One: Come, let us worship God.

INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

We have come, loving God, to worship you.

Here in this place, we bow down before you,

celebrating that you are indeed an awesome God.

We, your sheep, are grateful for your presence in our midst, and praise you each and every day. Amen.

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, 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.

SUNG 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

MUSIC

HYFRYDOL
Kathy Gross & Ji Hye Jung

Hymn tune by Rowland Prichard,
arr. by John Purifoy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

O God, we thank you for your presence and call upon your name. We glory in you, our God, our strength and our redeemer. You have told us to seek you continually and we need to do that now more than ever. The days are uncertain and are constantly shifting, causing us a sense of deep concern. Dear God, we place our fears and concerns at your feet. It is with great peace we know you are present in our lives, in the good days, and in the daily struggles. You walk with us through life in all our days and this brings us a sense of comfort. We know that there is never a promise you have not kept, and we pray in faith you will hold us fast in your love. Like the woman at the well, who conversed with Jesus about the water of this world and the living water that Jesus offers, we O' God are parched—we seek you. We pray that you fill our cup and quench our deep thirst. Fill us with the living water that we may thirst no more. Give us and all who thirst for you that living water of your spirit: water of refreshment, water of healing, water of cleansing, water of life. We lift up those who are feeling isolated and alone, those who are struggling with symptoms of illness or disease. We hold dear those in the greater communities who have no places to shelter or are struggling to find food. Throughout the world there is death and despair, God of peace. Hold the world in gentle love and peace in this very moment. Let our prayer be one of unity and connection, knowing that all people everywhere are connected as children of God, held in love and grace. We pray for healing and peace in this very moment. Let it be so, Great God of love, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 95 & John 4:5-42

Tom Smith, reader

MESSAGE

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

WORDS OF OFFERING

MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus
Kathy Gross & Ji Hye Jung

CRUSADER'S HYMN,
arr. Joel Raney

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of

Stephen Kuzma

Given by Peggy Kuzma & the Shannon Family

The steeple is lit in loving memory of

Walter Bradstreet

Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet