



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
JUNE 13, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP (based upon Psalm 92:1-4)

One: Come and give thanks to our God.
Sing praises to the holy name.

**Many: With the melody of the lute and the harp
and the song in our hearts,
we declare God's steadfast love in the morning
and faithfulness at night.**

One: God's works make us glad.

**Many: Your works are great, O God.
We sing our praises of joy to you.**

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth words: st. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint;
st. 4, Miriam Therese Winter; tune: DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God, maker of all that is beautiful,
Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace.
In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us
to sow those seeds through our ministries
so that all may share in Creation's abundance
to make true the promise
that no one will know scarcity
and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.**

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.**

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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us take a moment of silence and reflect on our own lives,
on our limitations, on our sins.
Gracious God, you are indeed generous.
You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much.
We forget, however, that we have been recipients
of other people's generosity.
Believing that what we have is ours,
we forget that all we have is yours.
Forgive us.
Help us to remember that being made in your image,
we should be as generous as you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.
By God's steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

Jesus' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond.
It is, however, through our offering that we can nurture these seeds
so all may know the gospel's promise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God.
We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving.
Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds
of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Joy Shall Come in the Morning* words & music by Mary Alice Amidon,
Members of the Chancel Choir arr. Peter Amidon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

SCRIPTURE READING— Mark 4:26-34

MESSAGE

“Planting Seeds”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come to Tend God's Garden

Tune: KING'S WESTON

Words: John Dallas

1. Come to tend God's garden, seeds of hope to sow,
Planting fields of justice, watching mercy grow!
In an arid wasteland, spread a verdant heath!
In a land of tumult, cultivate God's peace!
2. As we tend God's garden, from its furrows rise
Stems of fresh beginnings, stretching toward the skies!
Graciousness, our meadow, joyfulness our root,
Unity our foliage, righteousness our fruit!
3. May God's garden flourish, may our toil succeed,
May God bless our actions, every word and deed!
Serving Christ each season, with God's diagram,
Charted by the Spirit, for the task at hand!

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

Ji Hye Jung

This Sunday's flowers are in loving memory of:

*Art Dupont
Given by Lori Dupont*

*Janett C. Lavender
Given by the Lavender & Tobin families*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Janett Lavender
Given by Raymond Lavender*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Summer Outdoor Worship — Sundays at 10am

We'll gather in the school yard shade & parking lot –bring a chair & enjoy worship & fellowship.

Tuesday June 15 at 7pm: [World Service Meeting on Zoom](#)

Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm: [Nursery School Graduation in back parking lot \(rain date 6/18\)](#)

Sunday, June 20 at 10am: [Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship](#)

Sunday, June 20 at 1pm: [Private event in back parking lot & school yard](#)

Tuesday, June 22 at 7pm: [Trustees Meeting on Zoom](#)

Sunday, June 27 at 10am: [Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship](#)

Every Tuesday at 6pm: Prayer & Table on Zoom

Every Thursday at 12noon: Zoom Bible Study

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: info@maplestreetchurch.org

Summer In-Person/Drop-In Time with the Pastors

with Rev. Pam: Tuesdays 10:00am - 12noon

with Rev. Douglas: Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Or call and set up a time for a visit.

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

June – August we are closed on Fridays.

Please enter through the unlocked Chapel door during these office hours.

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