



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

May 15, 2022 · Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochran

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted, Isaiah 40:28-31)

One: Have you not known?

People: Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

One: Have you not heard?

People: God does not faint or grow weary.

One: Have you not known?

People: God's understanding is unsearchable.

One: Have you not heard?

People: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

One: Have you not known?

**All: Those who wait for God will renew their strength
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

One: We come to hear.

People: We come to know.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

For All the Saints

Red Hymnal No.306

*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

We praise you today Lord, for Your incredible power.

With mere words You create, transform, and sustain life.

**As we experience Your presence in this place, we ask You use
Your power to work in our hearts. Help us to become more like
Your Son through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

in the name of the Risen Christ, 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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Tune: Black Hymnal No. 253, refrain

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's promises are trustworthy and true, your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love. Amen

ANTHEM

River of Love
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pam Cochrane

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Look at the World
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

***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!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation
To which you call us I the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they
Be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you;
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING — Revelation 21:1-6

Black pew Bible pg.1085

SERMON

“Seeking Heaven”

Rev. Douglas Vooy

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Black Hymnal No.393

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ji Hye 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. . .*

***Please join us in the back parking lot
following worship for the
Carl & Norma Gates Bench Dedication***

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Carey Shaffer and Mr. & Mrs. G. Benjamin Hills
Given by the family*

*The chancel flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Carl & Norma Gates
Given by their daughters Sally Whitaker Bergquist & Marcy Michaud*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Janet Moller's Birthday
Given by Jeff & Rosemary Moller*

Sunday's Servants:

Ushers: Donna Mandriota & Pam Perkins

Deacon: Ken Blackadar

Save the Dates:

**Sunday, May 22nd: *Sunday Worship Celebrating Ji Hye
& the Annual Meeting following worship***

Annual Meeting Reports are available on the ledge by the Chapel.

Saturday, June 4th at 9am: *Men's Group in the Social Hall*

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 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

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

Please enter through the Chapel doors during office hours. Natalie is in the office outside these hours, so if you need to call or make an appointment with the office or pastors, feel free to call, leave a voicemail, or email.

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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