



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
JANUARY 19, 2020 • SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRELUDE

Deep River

arr. by Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of our ancestors and God of our dreams, we gather today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your likeness

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

You have comforted us through the middle passage, racism, segregation, stripped identities and unjust laws

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

God you have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and Love leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

***HYMN**

Lead on Eternal Sovereign

Black No.573

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

*God of our weary years and God of our silent tears,
thou who has brought us thus far on the way,*

we invite your presence into our midst as we pay tribute the all who have labored for justice, equality and love. We pray that in this moment you would strengthen us to continue to fight for the fulfillment of the dream that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. so eloquently laid out on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Help us to labor so that every valley is exalted, every hill and mountain made low, the rough places are plain, and the crooked places made straight so that the glory of the Lord is revealed, and all flesh see it together.

Let your love guide us to see one another as fully human with diverse hues, colors, ethnicities and cultures, and respect the content of their character.

Let your spirit strengthen us for the fight of today and tomorrow until all God's children can say with full conviction,

“Free at last. Free at last. Thank God All-Mighty, I'm free at last.”

**Please stand as you are able.*

We pray in the name of Christ who illuminates our path and taught us to pray...

***THE 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.**

***RESPONSE**

Tune: 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

O God, we as broken creatures have fallen short of all that has been required of us. Whereas you looked at your beloved creation and said "it is good," we have at times looked at that same creation and rejected its beauty and inherent goodness. We have looked at the color of one another's skin and assigned beauty and worth based on its hue. We have felt the texture of one another's hair and determined what is good and what is damaged. We have examined one another's frame and labeled it as human or "other". We have fallen short of being family and each other's keeper but,

All: *Deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome some day.*

We have ignored the cries of others as they seek justice from the oppressor and we told them to wait a little while longer. We have hidden the wounds of the ghettos of our society in an attempt to showcase society's beauty to the world. We have not fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, or shelter to the stranger because of how they looked or the inconvenience of their need, but

All: *Deep in my heart, I do believe the truth shall make us free some day.*

But today is a new day full of opportunities to try again. What was left undone yesterday can be completed today. We can turn from the sins of neglect and dishonesty, and prayerfully move towards reconciliation and mutual respect. The realization that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly," forces me to be concerned about what happens to my neighbor. And so,

All: *Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall live in peace some day.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Today we proclaim that we are not about to turn around.

All: *We are on the move now.*

Yes, we are on the move and no wave of racism can stop us.

All: *We are on the move now.*

The burning of churches will not deter us.

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MSC THIS WEEK



Today at Church

10:00 am MLK Sunday Worship

Monday

Church Office closed

Tuesday

12:00 pm DIP Meeting
6:00 pm Prayer & Table in Chapel
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in Social Hall

Wednesday

9:30 am Yoga in classroom
10:00 am Women's Group in Reception Room
4:00 pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall
4:30 pm Alleluia Morning Choir Practice
7:00 pm Trustees in Reception Room

Thursday

12:00 pm Staff Meeting in Reception Room
4:30 pm Rejoice Choir in Music Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Music Room

Friday

2:30 pm Girl Scouts in classroom

Saturday

9:00 am Men's Breakfast at Breakaway

Sunday

10:00 am 175th Rededication Sunday Worship
11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting

Announcements

The World Service Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Tree Fund that raised money for Operation Troop Support which sends care packages to our deployed people in uniform & their families:



<i>Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet</i>	<i>The Curda Family</i>
<i>Judy Drouin</i>	<i>Paul & Donna Eovacious</i>
<i>Lew & Marge Hathaway</i>	<i>Sally Shannon</i>
<i>Don & Eileen Thomas</i>	<i>Rob & Diane Roy</i>
<i>Pam Perkins</i>	<i>Alden & Lynne Duffill</i>
<i>Jan Moller</i>	<i>Eileen Russell</i>
<i>Marie Cooper</i>	<i>Peggy Kuzma</i>
<i>Peggy Coyne</i>	<i>The Brennan Family</i>
<i>Pat Newman</i>	<i>Sandi Waddel</i>
<i>Michael Polagye & Judy Manuel</i>	<i>George Jones & Grace Phinney</i>

If you missed last Sunday's service featuring the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal preaching, or wish to hear it again, you can watch it online here:
<https://vimeo.com/384564833>

2019 Contribution Statements: emailed contribution statements for the calendar year 2019 for tax purposes were emailed this past week. If you did not receive one and are in need of it please contact the Church Office:
info@maplestreetchurch.org

A Celebration of Life for George Kingsley: The flag stands at half mast this week in honor of our beloved George Kingsley. George passed peacefully at home on Saturday, January 11th. Our prayers are with Linda and his family and all those who mourn the loss of this jubilant man who touched our lives in so many ways at Maple Street Church. A Memorial Service in celebration of his life will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 8th at 11am. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Maple Street Congregational Church to support the Music Ministry.

The next issue of *The inSpire* will cover March-May. **The deadline for articles, news, and events is February 17th.** Please email them to:
info@maplestreetchurch.org

Save the Dates

Monday, January 20: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Celebration!*

From 4pm-6pm at Danvers High School the special event is hosted by the Danvers Committee for Human Rights & Inclusion and the Danvers Public Schools. This event is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, January 22nd at 10am: *MSC Women's Group* will be meeting in the Reception Room. The Hostesses for the morning are Beverly Hayward, Jean Hersey and Eileen Jacobson. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, January 25th at 9am: *Men's Breakfast* at Breakaway restaurant on Rt.1. Dick Moody will be the guest speaker for the morning. He will cover his work with Operation Troop Support and also his work with various veteran groups in Danvers. RSVP to the Church Office or Jonathan Prescott if you would like to attend.

Sunday, January 26th: *Anniversary Rededication Sunday*

MSC continues to stand as a beacon of light in the community, so as we continue to celebrate our 175th, and we will rededicate our church on this Sunday! **Our Annual Congregational Meeting follows worship.**



Friday, January 31st at 5:30pm: *A "Frozen" Family Night in the*

Social Hall. A night of food, fellowship & fun with music, games, & surprises for all ages. Hosted by MSC Youth to support the DIP Youth Mission Trip to City Reach Boston in February. City Reach is a program with Ecclesia Ministries which cares for homeless men and woman in Boston. Our youth are collecting, clothes, socks, and toiletries to deliver and distribute in February. Bring an item(s) to support this vital ministry during these cold months of winter.

Upcoming February Dates:

Sunday, February 2: *All-Age Worship & Communion*
DIP Youth Gathering follows worship in the Social Hall.

Sunday, February 9th: *Stewardship Sunday*

Sunday, February 23rd: *Mission Sunday*

Tuesday, February 25th: *Shrove Tuesday*

Wednesday, February 26th: *Ash Wednesday*



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Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered during the worship service. Sunday School for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second hymn except on “First Sundays.”

***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!***

Everyone is welcome at Maple Street Church, people of all races, economic means, sexual orientations, long-time church people, and folks who have never been to church. We affirm that everyone is a child of God and is welcomed to participate in the whole life of the church. Join us in building a beloved community and finding greater meaning through faith and action.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, & Friday: 9:30am-12:30pm; Wed & Thurs: 9am-3pm

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The bombing of homes will not dissuade us.

All: We are on the move now.

Like an idea whose time has come, not even the marching of mighty armies can halt us.

All: We are on the move now.”

And we are on the move because The Spirit of the Lord God is upon us...

to preach good tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

All: We are on the move and we thank you God for going with us.

ANTHEM *Peace Like a River* Traditional Spiritual, arr. Joel Raney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Pam Cochrane

***HYMN** *We Shall Overcome* Black No.570

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Free at Last* Traditional, arr. Peter Amidon

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God, we have acknowledged our weaknesses and our failed attempts at creating a just world for all, even with the best of intentions. We are ever cognizant of our Limitations but continue to dream the impossible because of our faith in your power. And so, we dedicate our lives to changing the “normalcy” that continues to plague our communities and society. The only normalcy that we will settle for is the normalcy that recognizes the dignity and worth of all of God's children. Bless these gifts we offer to magnify the works of God.

SCRIPTURE READING—1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Pew Bible pg.999

SERMON "What's Your Dream?" Rev. Douglas Vooyo

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Black No.593

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When the Roll is Called up Yonder* arr. by Mark Hayes

*service quotes from **Our God is Marching On**, and **Letter from Birmingham Jail**, by Martin Luther King, Jr. Lines in italics quote from **We Shall Overcome** #570 in **The New Century Hymnal**, and **Lift Every Voice and Sing** #593 in **The New Century Hymnal**
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Our Worship Services are aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and
Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10am & 7pm
(one week delay)

Sunday's Servants:

Deacons of the Month: Marge & Lew Hathaway

Ushers: Linda Matthews, Julia Martin, Marie Cooper, Ken Blackadar

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

Scripture Reader: Lynn Duffill

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Elaine R. Leon
Given by Lynne & Alden Duffill*

*The steeple is lit in celebration of
Aaron Bartlett's birthday
Given by Gayla, Michaela, Nana, Patrick, & Lucky*

If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.

I would like the steeple lighted in memory: _____

OR in honor/celebration of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

Signed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

