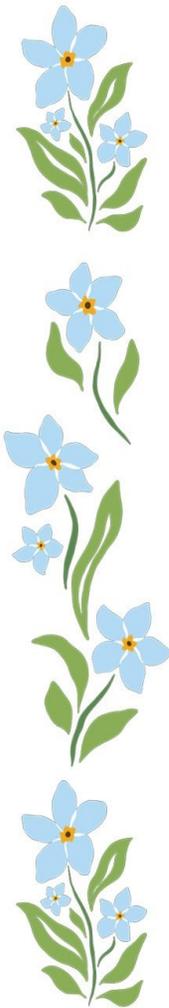


MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

March 20, 2022 · Third Sunday of Lent

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

READ:

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" + Luke 13:6-9

REFLECT:

We're impatient for the world to give us what we want. But plants don't always work on our schedule. Easter lilies take three years to grow, forget-me-nots are biennials (popping up every other year), and some winters are just harder on plants than others. Is there something you're eager for that you might have to wait for just a liiiittle bit longer?

PRAY: God, I want it all on my schedule. Help the plants and flowers teach me patience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRELUDE

Excerpt from I. Innamorato
Judy Bonnell, piano

Billy Joel, arr. Richard Joo

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters. Come to the wells.

All: Our souls thirst for you, O God.

We lift up our hands and call on your name

One: Come, without money. Come without cost.

Incline your ears and listen for good news.

All: Our flesh faints for you, O God.

Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.

One: Come, eat good. Come, feast upon true riches.

Be filled with that which sustains you.

All: Our souls are satisfied in you, O God.

In the shadow of your wings, we sing with joy.

*HYMN

Praise to the Living God

Black No. 8

INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

Author of abundance, God of change, we come into this hour with holy expectations. As we travel on our journey of transformation this Lenten season, we know that you are with us. You walk beside us. Your presence surrounds us. Help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us that you will never leave us nor forsakes us, that your rod and your staff comfort us, that you have prepared a feast for us when all can come and eat. Keep us forever in the path as we worship you in spirit and in truth.

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

*SUNG 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!

INVITATION TO GROWTH & CHANGE AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rooted and Grounded in Love
Chancel Choir

Amanda Udis-Kessler

*We are rooted and grounded in love.
Like a tree by the river, we're planted so deep
We are rooted and grounded in love.
With each gift that we bring and each promise we keep,
As we birth a new world where we all have enough
We are rooted and grounded in love.*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community we dedicate these gifts. For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors. We dedicate these gifts. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be good fruit in the world.

***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!**

SCRIPTURE READING— Luke 13:1-9

Ed Rozmiarek
pew Bible pg. 906

MESSAGE

"How Much is Enough?"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Black No. 593

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Invention in C minor, Opus 6
Judy Bonnell, piano

Billy Joel

*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. . .*

*We extend a warm welcome and special thanks to pianist Judy Bonnell,
who is substituting for Ji Hye today.*

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
Stephen Kuzma
Given by Peggy Kuzma & the Shannon Family*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Walter Bradstreet
Given by Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet*

Sunday's Servants:

Ushers: Sandy Waddell, Betty Nash, & Peggy Kuzma
Deacon: Paul Pepper
Scripture Reader: Ed Rozmiarek

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Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10am

Our Sunday Morning Worship service features an in-person worship service at 10am in the Sanctuary that is also livestreamed on our social media platforms to viewers at home. For those who wish to join in worship from home, you can watch the service 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

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 am – 2 pm;
Fridays: 9 am –2 pm working remote**

Know someone in need of support from the Care Giver's Team or who would like to be added to the prayer chain? Contact Pastor Pam (781-956-2371) or Pastor Douglas (781-363-2380) directly on their cell phones.