



**MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
**AUGUST 1, 2021 • EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRELUDE**

Ji Hye Jung

**WELCOME**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from John 6:35)

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

Whoever comes to Christ will never be thirsty.

"Lord, give us this bread, always."

May we come to God with hungry hearts;

May we come to Jesus with thirsty souls.

May we find fulfillment in the body of Christ;

May we worship God, knowing the fullness of God's love for us.

**HYMN***Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

Words: William Williams

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,  
Ever be my strength and shield.
3. When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

**PRAYER OF BROKENNESS**

God of All, we come to You with broken hearts. We confess to You that we have sinned. We have broken faith with one another and with You. Our hearts have been led astray by the promises of the world. We have failed to live into Your intention for our lives. We have failed to view Your image in one another. We have taken what we wanted and taken it for granted and have harmed others in the process. Forgive us. Refine us and purify us, so that our hearts might heal, and fill with Your love for one another. Remove the stains of the world that blister and fester, that lie to us about our needs and confuse them with our desires. Restore us fully to You, O God, and help us to seek forgiveness, reparation, and restoration wherever possible. Amen.

**BLESSING OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus said, as quoted in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Blessed are you when you seek the right ways of God; blessed are you when you pursue justice. You are forgiven, loved and restored on this journey of faith. Go with full hearts, wise minds, and the spirit of God in you, to love and forgive and bring healing to our broken world. Amen.

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this world thy home;  
Descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!**

## **UNISON PRAYER**

Beloved Spirit, refresh in us Your image. Remind us that we are made to create, to do Your work in this world, to share beauty and awe. The ways of this world desire for us to produce, which is not the same as creativity, for creativity is breathed from You, Loving Spirit. Creativity inspires others and always reminds us of Your love in this world. Production leads us to wealth and worldly gain. Turn us away from the wheels of the world's production and into the gentle movement of Your creativity, in how we live, how we move, and how we exist. Amen.

*2021 Rev-o-lution Worship Resources - Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Ed Rozmiarek, baritone

Albert Hay Malotte

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** — John 6:26-35

## **MESSAGE**

"True Bread From Heaven"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Institution · Lord's Prayer · Sharing of Bread & Cup**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of manna from heaven and for this meal we share to remember, celebrate and give thanks that Christ lives in us, this day and each day. We feel your presence at this table and invite your love to fill our hearts and our lives. We celebrate this Communion meal with all your children around the world. May we be strengthened to carry your love with us in all we do and say. Amen.

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Jesus Took the Bread*

Tune: NEW HOPE; Words: Ruth Duck

1. Jesus took the bread, daily gift of God,  
Formed of wheat and sweat and toil, sun, rain, and sod.  
In our hands we take gifts of bread and wine,  
Gathered from the fields of earth, signs of love divine.
2. Jesus blessed the bread, thanked the God of grace,  
Thanked the one that made all worlds, all time, all space.  
Blessing, honor, praise, all to God belong.  
Let us lift our hearts to God in a thankful song.
3. Jesus broke the bread; then he poured the wine.  
Broken body, life poured out, God gives as sign.  
Weak, afraid, and lost: that is where we're healed.  
In our human brokenness: there God is revealed.

(continued on next page)

