



FOOD FOR ALL

**MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
**JULY 25, 2021 • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRELUDE**

Ji Hye Jung

**WELCOME**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

**Many: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

**Many: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

**Many: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy Provider, may many savor the food we offer, today. With each portion a blessing for a holy feast, enliven our senses so that we may delight in the new and tantalizing flavors you create from the fields of harvest.

*In the name of the risen Christ we pray with the words Jesus taught his disciples to 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 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.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this world thy home;**

**Descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!**

**HYMN**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Tune: WIR PFLUGEN

Words: Matthias Claudias

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:  
You send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine and soft, refreshing rain.

**REFRAIN: All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above;  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord  
For all your love.**

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2. You only are the maker of all things near and far;  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey you; by you the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. **Refrain**

3. We thank you, our provider, for all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,  
But that which you most welcome, our humble, thankful hearts. **Refrain**

## **FOOD BLESSING & OFFERING**

### **DEDICATION**

**God of wonders, who enabled Jesus and Elisha to feed the multitudes,  
bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts.  
May our offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all the people.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*El-Shaddai*  
Amy Brierley, alto

Michael Card & John Thompson

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** — John 21:1-17

### **MESSAGE**

"Feed My Sheep"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS  
Words: Fred Pratt Green

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**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

*Our worship together concludes with the Benediction Response. 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 special thanks to Amy Brierley for sharing her gifts of music with us this morning.*

*The flowers this Sunday are given with a heartfelt memory of Ann Wallis by Donna Eovacious (Nana Kitty)*

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**Zoom Prayer & Table Worship — Tuesdays at 6pm**

**Zoom Bible Study — Thursdays at 12noon**

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