



## **Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC**

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

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**for May 16, 2021**  
*Seventh Sunday of Eastertide*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come and seek the ways of wisdom.

**All: We come as one Body in Christ.**

One: We come to find peace and sing songs of love.

**All: We come to be refreshed by the Spirit.**

One: Come, let us worship.

**INVOCATION**

**One: Life-giving God, your love and light guides us on the path of courage, compassion, generosity, and grace. Lead us as we seek to follow your transformative love that turns sorrow into joy, and despair into hope. O God, help us embrace your guiding love that calls us to live as your faithful witnesses, who reflect your grace and redemptive love.**

**All: God, open hearts to receive your gracious love, and strengthen us to carry the Good News of your healing power found in the light, love, and life of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess our doubts that stifle our joy.  
Forgive us when we lack faith in you,  
and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise.  
God, forgive us when we fail to trust you,  
and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses.  
Guiding God, forgive us when we are self-consumed  
and lack the time needed to serve our neighbors.  
In these times, have mercy on us, O God,  
and encourage us to be your love-lived,  
by renewing us daily in your strength. We pray, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

O God, hear our prayers of confession and forgiveness,  
and guide us from disbelief and distress  
by leading us into your hope-filled joy.  
God, we need your loving Spirit  
to be among us, to comfort us in our doubt,  
and to strengthen us in our faith. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Kathy Gross, flute  
Ji Hye Jung, piano

SLANE, arr. John Purifoy

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING & DEDICATION

### SCRIPTURE READING—John 17:6-19

### MESSAGE

“Prayers From The Table”

Rev. Pamela Cochran

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY;  
words: John Bode

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
2. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!  
O speak and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!
3. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
That where you are in glory you servant shall be, too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend!

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

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

# Announcements & Events

Sunday, May 16 at 10am: **Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship**

Tuesday, May 18 at 7pm: **World Service Mtg on Zoom**

Sunday, May 23 at 10am: **Pentecost Sunday and Annual Meeting following Worship**

Tuesday, May 25 at 7pm: **Trustees Mtg on Zoom**

Wednesday, May 26 at 7pm: **Film Discussion on Zoom**

Sunday, May 30 at 10am: **First Sunday after Pentecost Worship**

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: [info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)

**Every Tuesday at 6pm: Prayer & Table**

**Every Wednesday at 12noon: Chat with the Pastors via Zoom**

**Every Thursday at 12noon: Virtual Bible Study**

**Pledge Cards:** We are gathering our pledges in time for the **Annual Meeting on May 23rd.**

Please consider making a pledge, so Maple Street Church can continue serving as a beacon of community and faith in the center of Danvers. **Send in your pledge cards or reach out to the church office to receive this year's pledge card:** 978-774-4510; [info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)



**Memorial Garden Fund:** *We are in need of new plantings and are hoping to add perennials & small shrubs that will*

*require little to no maintenance. If you have worked in the garden, you know that we have had to do a lot of watering by hand as well as weeding etc. Please consider making a donation to the Memorial Garden Fund. If you send a check to the church, please mark the memo with "Memorial Garden Fund". Thank you, Marjory Simpson, Moderator*

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, May 23rd following worship on Zoom**

## WARRANT FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

To the legal voters of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Congregational Meeting of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC, Danvers, Massachusetts, will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2021 via Zoom: Video Conference following the close of the Worship Service.

### Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on January 26, 2020.
2. Ratify the actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on June 7, 2020.
3. Ratify the actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on September 27, 2020
4. Ratify the actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on February 21, 2021.
5. Approve the Minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on April 11, 2021.
6. Vote to accept the Annual Reports of all Officers, Boards, and Committees.
7. Call for the Clerk to cast a ballot to accept the new slate of Officers for FY 2021-2022
8. Receive an update on MSC's activities, operations and missions and the continued impact of the Pandemic caused by COVID-19.
9. Review and Vote on the new budget for FY 2021-2022 (to appropriate money for salaries, expenses and expenditures necessary to carry out the approved Church Program).
10. Transact any other business that may legally come before it.
11. Adjourn.

### Documents to support warrant:

- Draft Minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on January 26, 2020;
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- Annual Report
- Annual Budget for 2021 - 2022