



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
AUGUST 8, 2021 • NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

WELCOME

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted by Psalm 130 and John 6:35)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you, O God, my soul waits for you.

People: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: In your words, I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch
for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

All: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

HYMN

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Tune: ROEDER

Words: Jaroslav Vajda

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe, how does the creature say praise
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe, how does the creature say Save
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace, how does the creature say thanks
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care, how does the creature say Life
God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love, how does the creature say Peace
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy, how do your children say Home.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of daybreak, Healing and Transformation, our souls wait for your light more than those who watch for the morning. We hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus name we pray, 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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way.
We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly.
We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves.
We have sinned against you and done violence to others.

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you.
Our souls wait in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew,
Each day, a new day with you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, hope in the Lord!
God in Christ has forgiven you!
God has redeemed us, you are held in grace
through Christ Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us
as living bread for the life of the world, Amen.

OFFERING

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. As beloved children, let us be imitators of God,
presenting our gifts as a fragrant offering and sacrifice through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous, Transforming God, thank you for your many blessings in our lives, through
which you have provided these gifts for us to share with those in need. We dedicate them
now as an expression of your love for the world through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, keyboard

Traditional Spanish melody
arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

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.**

SCRIPTURE — John 6:35,41-51

MESSAGE

"Being Bread"

Karen Kilty

HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Tune: HOLY MANNA;
Words: Sylvia Dunstan

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food,
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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

*The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
George Reid
Given by his daughter Janice Tipert*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Betty Bates
Given by her MSC church family*

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