

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

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PRELUDE

Jonathan Gaines

WELCOME & SHARING

Rev. Pam Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not the end.

All: May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and hope.

One: May the wind of God turn us around toward trust in Holy promises.

All: May our promises to God be pressed anew into our hearts and minds.

One: May everything of excess be released and refined for Love's good work.

All: May God's vision of a world made new arise from God's wind in and through us.

***OPENING HYMN**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Black No. 285

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Pause us into your presence, slowing our breathless pace. Refine in us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world. Let our memories on this day, call forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for violence. Form instead a steady commitment to return love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy for every brokenness of the world's design. By this, form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today.

in the name of the one who guides our steps 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.

***RESPONSE**

Blue No. 241

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

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

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

WORDS OF GRACE

ANTHEM

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

Amy Brierley, alto; Ed Rozmiarek, baritone

**Please stand as you are able.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“Snapshot”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooy

OFFERING

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Your gifts, whether offered weekly, monthly, by pledge or online, make a difference in the life of the church. Collection boxes are located at both entrances to the sanctuary, on the church office door, and the church mailbox outside the Chapel.*

***DOXOLOGY**

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Blue 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: Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28, Psalm 14, & Luke 15:1–10 Donna Eovacious
Pew Bible pgs.689;485; 954

MESSAGE

“A Change in the Air”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

God Beyond Us, God Within Us

Tune: HYMN TO JOY
Words: Jane Parker Huber

1. God beyond us, God within us, Holy God whose praise we sing:
When You call to faith and service, take our lives as offering.
Time and culture, age and difference, add enrichment to the whole.
Called and challenged, we Your people seek a vision of Your goal.
2. In this time of changing patterns, new relationships, new hope,
Send a rainbow full of promise with its focus, depth, and scope.
In Your Word we find direction from the past, yet pressing on.
Christ, the One led by the Spirit, bids us face a new day’s dawn.
3. Send us out to serve with justice so, forgiven and set free,
We can act with joy and healing with Your Spirit’s energy.
Show us how to ease the suffering of our neighbors far and near.
Teach us how to work as partners where the need may next appear.
4. Called to lively praise and witness where we live and work and play,
May we offer love and learning, hope and nurture day by day.
Help us listen to each other, our communion to increase,
Giving substance, time, and talent to our dreams of faith and peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jonathan Gaines



Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate.

*We share God's love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.
No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here!*

Everyone is welcome at Maple Street Church, people of all races, economic means, sexual orientations, long-time church people, and folks who have never been to church. We affirm that everyone is a child of God and is welcomed to participate in the whole life of the church. Join us in building a beloved community and finding greater meaning through faith and action.

*The flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
Blenda & Eugene Acheson
Given by Karen Kane*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Leo Curda
Given by Priscilla Curda*

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