

Three things will
last forever-

FAITH,
HOPE,
and
LOVE
-the greatest of these is
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

for February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday: Love & Equity

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Tune: Hankey

Call to Worship (from 1 Corinthians 13:12-13)

For now we see in a mirror, dimly,
But then we will see face to face.
Now I know only in part;
Then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
And the greatest of these is love.
Come, let us worship God,
Who is Love, and will reveal all to those who are faithful.

Opening Prayer

God of Steadfast Love and Mercy, send your Holy Spirit and show us all the ways You are at work in our lives and in the world around us. Help us to find Your secret love notes for us in the silent dwelling of dormant buds and shoots. Guide us to find Your hidden messages in the snow prints of Your creatures and the dripping icicles. Lead us to the knowledge of Your love in the care and compassion of our neighbors and friends, and help us to share Your love messages with others in our own acts of mercy and forgiveness. You are at work, in us and through us and around us; help us to reveal Your works to the world. Amen.

-adapted from Rev-o-lution Worship Resources

In the name of the living Christ we pray together the Lord's prayer...

The 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!

Children's Message

Special Music

The Prayer
Ji Hye Jung, piano

David Foster

Prayers of the People

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

Offering & Dedication

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus
and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life.
May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other
and the God who loves us all. Amen

Doxology

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— 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 & Mark 9:2-9**Message**

"And, The Greatest Of These Is Love"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Hymn

The Gift of Love
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Tune: O WALY WALY,
words: Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so, my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Benediction**Postlude**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Tune: Holy Manna

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of
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Announcements & Events

Sunday, Feb 14 at 10am: *TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY WORSHIP*

Tuesday, Feb 16 at 6pm: *Pancake Supper Prayer & Table Service on Zoom*

Tuesday, Feb 16 at 7pm: *World Service Meeting on Zoom*

Wednesday, Feb 17 at 7pm: *ASH WEDNESDAY Zoom service*

Sunday, Feb 21 at 10am: *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

with a Congregational Meeting on Zoom following the service

Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7pm: *Trustees Meeting on Zoom*

Sunday, Feb 28 at 10am: *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: 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

WARRANT FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

You are hereby notified that a Congregational Meeting of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC, Danvers, Massachusetts, will be held on

Sunday, February 21, 2021 via Zoom: Video Conference at the close of the Worship Service.

Agenda:

1. Affirm the actions taken at the September 27, 2020 Congregational Meeting and approve the minutes from the September 27, 2020 Congregational Meeting.
2. Receive an update on MSC's activities, operations and missions and the continued impact of the Pandemic caused by COVID-19.
3. Vote on revisions to the MSC Bylaws.
4. Receive an update from the Task Force on the Designated Term Pastors ("DTP Task Force") on its findings and activities associated with MSC's period of discernment which began in January 2019 with the goal of developing a faithful and effective pastoral leadership structure for MSC's ministries.
5. Vote on the Church Council's recommendations based upon the DTP Task Force's findings and conclusions with respect to:
 - a. MSC's pastoral leadership structure, and
 - b. Filling MSC's pastoral leadership positions.
6. Transact any other business that may legally come before it.
7. Adjourn.

Documents to support warrant:

Draft Meeting Minutes from the September 27, 2020 Congregational Meeting