

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
February 26, 2023 · First Sunday of Lent



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PRELUDE

Seeds to Sow
Jon Gaines, pianist

Graham Gaines

WELCOME & SHARING

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

One: Lent is the season to acknowledge the rough, rocky and barren places of our lives.

All: **We are ready to begin the journey.**

One: We trust that there is love left to spring from the ashes of war; life left to sprout from a dormant seed.

All: **We are ready to trust the steps of preparation.**

One: Let us worship together, sowing the seeds of God's love.

All: **We are ready to Let Love Rise!**

***OPENING HYMN**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Red No. 460

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**Creator God, you are like a gardener sowing seeds for a fertile crop.
You are like a baker kneading yeast through dough. Plant your Word
like a seed in our hearts today. Let it grow in love, developing deep roots
in our spirit. Let us watch as wisdom unfolds. Help us to listen to your still
speaking voice so that we yield the fruit of kindness and help sustain the path
of justice.**

in the name of the one who leads us on our journey we pray...

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

**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. 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.**

***RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 241

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this world thy home.
Descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come!**

WORDS OF CONFESSION & GRACE

**Please stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Kathy Gross

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

OFFERING

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the church. Collection boxes are located at both sanctuary entrances, on the church office door,
and the church mailbox outside the Chapel.*

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love
Kathy Gross, flute; Jon Gaines, piano

American Folk Tune

***DOXOLOGY**

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red 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: Luke 8:1-15

Ed Rozmiarek
Pew Bible pg. 898

MESSAGE

"Planting Seeds"

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

***CLOSING HYMN** *We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed (verses 1-4 & 6)* Black No. 540

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Down at the Cross
Jon Gaines, pianist

John H. Stockton

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction.
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...*



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

*The altar flowers this Sunday are given in loving memory of
Jan Moller
Given by the Moller Family*

*The chancel basket flowers are in honor of
Robyn Morin's & Nicole Bradstreet's Birthdays
Given by Mum & Dad*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
my husband Stephen Kuzma
Given by Peggy Kuzma*

*And in loving memory of
Jan Moller
Given by Rosemary & Jeffrey Moller*

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Scripture Reader: Ed Rozmiarek

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