



**MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
**JULY 11, 2021 • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRELUDE**

Ji Hye Jung

**WELCOME**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ephesians 1)

Leader: Hope in Christ

**People: Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.**

Leader: Believe in Christ!

**People: We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Live in Christ!

**People: We embrace our inheritance, as children of God!**

**All: Live to the glory of Christ!**

**HYMN**

*Come Thou, Almighty God*

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN,  
words: Anon.

1. Come now, Almighty God, help us your name to laud;  
Our songs we raise;  
Ruler all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
2. Come now, Incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored;  
Our prayer attend:  
Come, and your people bless, and give your word success;  
Grant us your holiness, Savior and Friend!
3. Come, Holy Comforter, your sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,  
Never from us depart, Spirit of power!
4. To you, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
For evermore.  
Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Loving God of every thought and reality,  
the holy, prophetic sustainer of community.**

**We gather here today as your people,  
children of the good news.**

**Assure us of your presence once again,  
that we may trust the mystery of life, growth and  
grace, as we gather in the name of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ, 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**

Holy God, as we come into the presence of your divine holiness, we confess our shortcomings. Our actions often do not glorify you; our hearts are not pure; our motivations are selfish; our words are not true. By your mercy, O God give us hands and hearts that are clean, make us pure that our whole lives may glorify and honor you, Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

All who seek God, and have set your hope on Jesus Christ, hear the good news: We have received forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God's grace. As forgiven and beloved children of God, let us set our hope on Christ, and live praising his glory. Amen

## **OFFERING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous and Giving God, you have poured your blessing on us as the rain soaks the sun-parched grass of our lawns. You have lavished us with redemption, forgiveness, and grace. When you sent the rain to water the grass, you expect growth in return. Remind us this day, as we make our gifts to you, that we have been blessed for a purpose—that we might be a blessing to others. May we grow in compassion, in mercy, in longing for justice and love, as Christ loved us. In his holy name, we pray. Amen

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*O Rest in the Lord*  
Ed Rozmiarek

Felix Mendelssohn

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## **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 READING—Ephesians 1:3-14**

Lew Hathaway

## **MESSAGE**

“Receiving a Gift, Making it Your Own”

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

**HYMN OF RESPONSE***All My Hope on God Is Founded*Tune: MICHAEL;  
words: Joachim Neander

1. All my hope on God is founded: who else can my hope renew?  
Still through change and chance God guides me, only good and only true.  
God unknown, grace alone, calls my heart to be God's own.
2. Well does the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow!  
With delight our souls are nourished; pleasure leads us where we go.  
At God's hand does love stand; joy awaits each new command.
3. In glad hymns to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising for the love in Christ made known.  
Hear Christ's call, one and all; those who follow shall not fall.

**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

*Our worship together concludes with the Benediction Response. 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 . . . .*

***We extend special thanks to Ed Rozmiarek for sharing music  
for this Sunday's worship.***

***The flowers this Sunday are in honor of  
Donna Willis  
Happy Birthday Mom & Nana  
Love Gayla, Aaron, Michaela & Patrick***



**Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC**  
**90 Maple Street, Danvers, MA 01923**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**Summer Outdoor Worship — Sundays at 10am**

*We'll gather in the school yard shade & parking lot –bring a chair for worship & fellowship.*

- Thursday, July 8 at 12pm: Bible Study on Zoom**
  - Sunday, July 11 at 10am: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  - Tuesday, July 13 at 6pm: Prayer & Table Service on Zoom**
  - Wednesday, July 14 at 2:30pm: Tea for the Soul in the Memory Garden**
  - Thursday, July 15 at 12pm: Bible Study on Zoom**
  - Sunday, July 18 at 10am: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  - Tuesday, July 20 at 6pm: Prayer & Table Service on Zoom**
  - Thursday, July 22 at 12pm: Bible Study on Zoom**
  - Sunday, July 25 at 10am: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  - Tuesday, July 27 at 6pm: Prayer & Table Service on Zoom**
- Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: [info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)

**Summer In-Person/Drop-In Time with the Pastors**

*Tuesdays 10:00am - 1pm*

Or call and set up a time for a visit.

**Summer Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10 am – 1 pm**

*June – August we are closed on Fridays.*

*Please enter through the unlocked Chapel door during these office hours.*

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