



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
OCTOBER 17, 2021 • TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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!*

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Mark 10:35-45*)

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

Many: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

One: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!
We may come here to get close to Jesus,

Many: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

Many: But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

One: Why are we here?

Many: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

HYMN

I Am the Light of the World

Jim Strathdee

REFRAIN: "I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the sages and the shepherds have found their way home,
The work of Christmas has begun. **REFRAIN**
2. To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal the broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below, the sky above! **REFRAIN**
3. To free the prisoner from all chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
To see God's children everywhere! **REFRAIN**
4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old person's heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth! **REFRAIN**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Psalm 91:9-16; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c*)

Holy Dwelling Place, Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure...

In the name of the Christ who bears all things we prayer with the words Jesus taught his disciples to 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 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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*Isaiah 53:4-12*)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Joy of the Lord Is My Strength

David Angerman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ's work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.

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!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooy's

SCRIPTURE READING — Mark 10:35-45

Lew Hathaway

SERMON

“Let’s Make it Personal”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

Tune: Lancashire,
words: Ernest Shurtleff

1. Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;
Loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,
To carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.
2. Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
For in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,
Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.
3. Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,
To love and serve each other for all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

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