

BORN OF EARTH, SKY, WIND, AND WATER

“The climate crisis is the opportunity for which the church was born. Hope will emerge as parishioners engage some of the numerous suggestions for how they can faithfully join others – especially young people - to address the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced.”

–Rev. Dr. Jim Antal



Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC

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

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

JANUARY 12, 2020 • FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Our worship services begin every Sunday at 10:00 am. Childcare is offered for 3 and under at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary. We share at 9:50 our joys & concerns. Fellowship hour follows worship in the Social Hall.

PRELUDE

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 29)

Rev. Pam Cochrane

One: Come, all who are gathered to worship God:

All: Give our God glory and strength!

One: Let us sing to God the glory of God's name

All: Worship God in holy splendor!

One: The voice of our God is over the waters.

All: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

*HYMN

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Black No. 32

*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (UNISON)

**God of grace and majesty, we exalt you
for your wisdom, compassion, strength, and love.
We thank you for choosing to walk among your people
in all the circumstances of our lives.**

**We pray that we would always be aware of your presence among us.
Grant us ears to hear and eyes to see, through faith,
the Christ in all who call upon your name.**

**Almighty God, we give thanks
for the strength, courage, and conviction to do justice,
to speak loudly for those who need water,
who need the refreshment that comes only from you
and from those whom you have sent.**

**May we walk as angels in the places we live,
striving to live in the way of Jesus.**

**We extend our gratitude for being able to come before you this day
to offer our worship, to seek your presence,
and to be restored to do great things among your people.**

For this and every day of life, we give you thanks and praise.

**Please stand as you are able.*

In the name of Christ, who is the Way, and who taught us to pray, saying...

***THE 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, 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.**

***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!**

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Pam Cochrane

***HYMN**

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Black No. 563

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Douglas Vooy

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cool of the Day

Jean Ritchie, arr. Peter Amidon

***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!**

MSC THIS WEEK



Today at Church

- 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Jim Antal
11:30 am Q&A and Lunch in Social Hall

Monday

- 4:30 pm** Girl Scouts in classroom
6:00 pm Cub Scouts in Social Hall

Tuesday

- 6:00 pm** Prayer & Table in Chapel
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in Social Hall
7:00 pm Deacons Mtg in RR

Wednesday

- 9:30 am** Yoga in Reception Room
4:00 pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall
4:30 pm Alleluia Morning in Music Room
7:00 pm Sandwichers in RR

Thursday

- 4:30 pm** Rejoice Choir in Music Room
5:00 pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall
7:30 pm Chancel Choir in Music Room

Sunday

- 10:00 am** MLK Sunday Worship

Announcements

Flower Committee Message:

Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor or to celebrate a loved one. The cost of flowers ranges from \$20-\$40 and the cost can be split between two donors on a given Sunday. To sign up or for more info please call Beverly Hayward at 978-774-5154 or Priscilla Curda at 978-777-0793. **Sunday, March 1st there is one vase available and Sunday, March 22nd is available.**

Sunday, January 19:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

All are welcome to celebrate with us this special day!

Monday, January 20: *Martin*

Luther King, Jr. Day of Celebration

4pm at Danvers High School hosted by the Danvers Committee on Human Rights and Inclusion.

Sunday, January 26th:

Anniversary Rededication Sunday

MSC continues to stand as a beacon of light in the community, so as we continue to celebrate our 175th, we will welcome all into the life of the church with gratitude & appreciation for what came before and with celebration we will rededicate our church on this Sunday! **Congregational Meeting following worship in the Social Hall.**

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

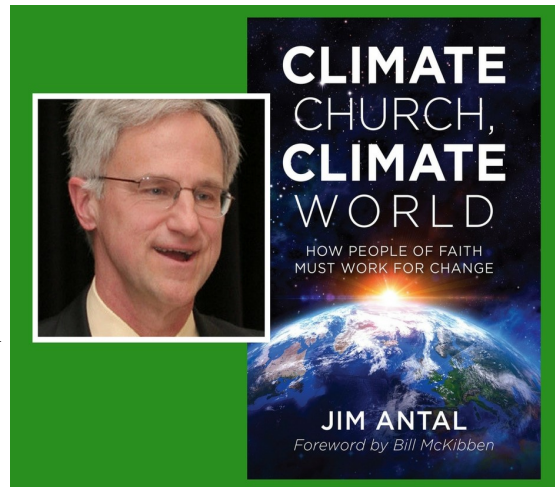
175th Anniversary Sermon Series

Making Connections

Welcomes the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal

Jim Antal is a denominational leader, climate activist, author, and public theologian. He serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

Antal's book, *CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD*, was featured on Earth Day 2018 in the *Chicago Tribune*. From 2006-2018, Antal led the 350 UCC churches in Massachusetts as their Conference Minister and President. He is a graduate of Princeton University, Andover Newton Theological School, and Yale Divinity School, which recently honored him with the William Sloane Coffin Award for Peace and Justice. An environmental activist from the first Earth Day in 1970, Jim has authored and championed three groundbreaking national UCC resolutions: in 2013 the UCC became the first national body to vote to divest from fossil fuel companies; in 2017 the national UCC Synod voted to declare a new moral era in opposition to President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord; in 2019, the UCC national Synod became the first Christian denomination to endorse the Green New Deal.



Reality, creation, nature itself... these are the First Body of Christ.
~Richard Rohr

When asked, "What will it take to solve the climate crisis?" Walter Munk, a world-renowned oceanographer, said this a few weeks before he died at age 100, "It will take a miracle of love.... and un-selfishness."



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Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered during the worship service. Sunday School for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second hymn except on “First Sundays.”

***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.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, & Friday: 9:30am-12:30pm; Wed & Thurs: 9am-3pm

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Giver and Sustainer of Life,
pour out your blessing upon these gifts
and upon all who give from their hearts.
Multiply them so they reach farther than our imaginations can carry them.
In the blessed name of our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING— Psalm 24:1; II Corinthians 3:1-6 Pew Bible pgs.476; 1005

SERMON *“Defiant Hope – Our Faithful Response to the Climate Crisis”* Rev. Dr. Jim Antal

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Come to Tend God's Garden* Black No. 586

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* (verse 1) Tune: ENDLESS SONG,
words: Ruth Duck

POSTLUDE *Impromptu No. 4* Franz Schubert

*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. . .*



Our Worship Services are aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and
Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10am & 7pm
(one week delay)

Sunday's Servants:

Deacons of the Month: Marge & Lew Hathaway

Ushers: Donna Mandriota, Peggy Coyne, Donna Eovacious, & Donna Tapin

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

Scripture reader: Faith Bertrand

Back Door Greeter: Tammy Marini

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Atkinson, Thelma Kimball,
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Atkinson, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dever
Given by Judy Manuel*



If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.

I would like the steeple lighted in memory: _____

OR in honor/celebration of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

Signed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

