



## **MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**

**OCTOBER 24, 2021 • THIRTIETH 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

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

**Many: God is gathering the people!**

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

**Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!**

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

**Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.**

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

## HYMN

*Thank God for Our Sisters, Brothers*

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

Words: Roger Powell

1. Thank God for our sisters, brothers, one by grace, in harmony.  
Joining heart to heart with others, making strong community.  
With the cross of Christ our standard, let us sing as with one voice,  
Glory, glory, yours the promise: we who are the church rejoice.
2. Praise to God for congregations, keeping faith with Christ as guide;  
Many tongues of many nations, song and service unified.  
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol, when our song is raised as one.  
Glory, glory, yours the power, as in heaven, your will be done.
3. Holy is your name forever! Heal divisions that remain;  
Bless the church's new endeavors; make our witness one again.  
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel, make us one we now implore.  
Glory, glory, yours the glory, then and now and evermore.

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us  
into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.**

**We ponder our history, ancient and still developing and marvel  
at the many expressions of your church.**

**Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your Church  
that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.**

**Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream  
that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen**

## **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**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

Tune: HOLY MANNA,  
words: George Atkins

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

"We Are The Church"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Transform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them.  
Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!

## **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**

## **SCRIPTURE READING** — Mark 10:46-52 & Psalm 126

## **SERMON**

"From the Summit"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff*

Tune: The Staff of Faith  
Words: Thomas T. Lynch

1. My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid;  
My faith, it is a song of trust, sustains me undismayed.  
I'll travel on and still be stirred by silent thought or social word;  
By all my perils undeterred, a pilgrim unafraid.
2. My guide is Jesus Christ, whose steps, when travelers have trod,  
Whether beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod,  
They carried on, their joy unspent; through pain and trial they onward went,  
Unstayed by pleasure, still they bent their zealous course to God.
3. My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean.  
My faith provides the ground of hope, supports a purpose keen.  
Your Spirit, God, upon me send, that I may be what you intend.  
With patient courage, we'll contend as radiant saints serene.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

*The flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of  
Muriel E. Love and Margaret M. Wheeler  
given by Peggy Kuzma and the Shannon Family*

**Following Worship today from 11- 12:30pm:**

***Rooted In Love:  
Vision & Mission Summit***

*Outside in the MSC backyard join Pastor Pam, Lay Leaders, & Ministry Teams  
who will share stories of where we've been and where we're headed.  
Mapping the path forward!  
An All-Age Event*

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**Zoom Prayer & Table Worship — Tuesdays at 6pm**

**Zoom Bible Study — Thursdays at 12noon**

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