



## **Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC**

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

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

for May 2, 2021

*Sharing the Light of Jesus*

Welcome

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

Choir Anthem (Recorded, May 2019)

Call to Worship (responsively)

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water**

In the word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

**Come and live in the light of God's love**

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love and that our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your spirit will bring others into your church. We humbly thank you for your many blessings you have given us. We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember that we are celebrating resurrection day every day, we pray through Jesus Christ our loving Savior, Amen.

Prayer of Brokenness and Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have not loved as we ought. We have used love as if it was to be hoarded rather than shared freely. We have set limits on something that not ought to have borders. We have guarded how we love others instead of sharing Your grace. Forgive us for not loving as You have first loved us—without condition. Forgive us for determining who is and who is not worthy of love, when You are Love. Forgive us for not following the example of our Savior, who became last of all and servant of all, who laid down his life for us all in the name of love. Call us into Your way, that by caring for the most vulnerable, we care for all. By loving those who are different from us, we love ourselves best. By sharing in this love, we reflect Your image in us. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came to us in the name of love, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Steadfast love of God endures forever. There is no limit to God's grace. You are God's beloved. You are forgiven and restored. Love one another deeply as God has loved you, and you will know the peace of Christ in your hearts. Amen.

Special Music

*Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Brant Adams

Kathy Gross, flute

Ji Hye Jung, piano

## Prayers of the People

### 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.

## Offering & Dedication

### Special Music

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

Southern Folktune, arr. David Johnson

Kathy Gross, flute

Ji Hye Jung, piano

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.*

*And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land.*

*And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

## Scripture Reading—Act 8:26-40, I John, 4:7-21

### Message

“*Sitting with One Another*”

Rev. Douglas Vooy

### Hymn of Response

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Tune: LNSTEAD, words: Fred Kaan

Let us talents and tongues employ,

Reaching out with a shout of joy:

Bread is broken, the wine is poured,

Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:** Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again

Pass the word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,

At his table he set the tone,

Teaching people to live to bless,

Love in word and in deed express. **Refrain**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out

Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share:

God (Immanuel) everywhere! **Refrain**

## Sacrament of Communion

### Benediction

### Postlude

Ji Hye Jung

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of*

*Della and George Bradstreet*

*Given by Bill and Adrienne Bradstreet*

*The chancel flowers are in loving memory of Priscilla's sons*

*Randall and Roger Hood*

*Given by Priscilla Hilton*

# Announcements & Events

Sunday, May 2 at 10am: **Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship**

Tuesday, May 4 at 7pm: **Church Council Mtg on Zoom**

Sunday, May 9 at 10am: **Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship & Mother's Day**

Tuesday, May 11 at 7pm: **Deacons Mtg on Zoom**

Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30pm: **CE Mtg on Zoom**

Sunday, May 16 at 10am: **Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship**

Tuesday, May 18 at 7pm: **World Service Mtg on Zoom**

Thursday, May 20 at 7pm: **Film Discussion on Zoom**

Sunday, May 23 at 10am: **Pentecost Sunday and Annual Meeting following Worship**

Tuesday, May 25 at 7pm: **Trustees Mtg on Zoom**

Sunday, May 30 at 10am: **First Sunday after Pentecost Worship**

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: [info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)

**Every Tuesday at 6pm: Prayer & Table**

**Every Wednesday at 12noon: Chat with the Pastors via Zoom**

**Every Thursday at 12noon: Virtual Bible Study**

**Pledge Cards:** We are gathering our pledges in time for the Annual Meeting on May 23rd.

Please consider making a pledge, so Maple Street Church can continue serving as a beacon of community and faith in the center of Danvers. **Send in your pledge cards or reach out to the church office to receive this year's pledge card:** 978-774-4510; [info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)



**Memorial Garden Fund:** *We are in need of some new plantings and are hoping to add*

*perennials &/or small shrubs that will require little to no maintenance. If you have worked in the garden, you know that we have had to do a lot of watering by hand as well as weeding etc. Please consider making a donation to the Memorial Garden Fund. If you send a check to the church, please mark the memo with "Memorial Garden Fund". Thank you, Marjory Simpson, Moderator*

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, May 23rd following worship**

## WARRANT FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

To the legal voters of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Congregational Meeting of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC, Danvers, Massachusetts, will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2021 via Zoom: Video Conference following the close of the Worship Service.

### Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on January 26, 2020.
2. Ratify the actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on June 7, 2020.
3. Ratify the actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on September 27, 2020
4. Ratify the actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on February 21, 2021.
5. Approve the Minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on April 11, 2021.
6. Vote to accept the Annual Reports of all Officers, Boards, and Committees.
7. Call for the Clerk to cast a ballot to accept the new slate of Officers for FY 2021-2022
8. Receive an update on MSC's activities, operations and missions and the continued impact of the Pandemic caused by COVID-19.
9. Review and Vote on the new budget for FY 2021-2022 (to appropriate money for salaries, expenses and expenditures necessary to carry out the approved Church Program).
10. Transact any other business that may legally come before it.
11. Adjourn.

### Documents to support warrant:

- Draft Minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on January 26, 2020;
- Summary of discussion points and actions taken at the Congregational Meeting held on June 7, 2020;
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- Annual Report
- Annual Budget for 2021 - 2022