

MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Sunday After Christmas - Sacred Doing - January 1, 2023

The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred each and every day. "Incarnation" is a word that means that God's presence came to dwell among all people, and we believe this happened in a special way in the birth of Jesus. All creation has always been imbued with the Creator's brilliance. This season we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

REFLECTING THE SACRED

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Living God, upon this moment, upon this people, upon this place,
The holy comes. And sacred knowing brings sacred being
for sacred doing of God's plan.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**We pray for a new start this day.
We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
We open to see each relationship
as a gift of holy presence.
This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,
lighting the way to the future.
Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Love,
We give you thanks for this holy gathering of Beloveds.
As we take in the love you offer, may we be a reflection of you light,
expanding the sacred presence you have promised
into the sacred presence we can offer.**

HYMN

Shine Jesus Shine

Graham Kirkpatrick

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us –
Shine on me, shine on me.

REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Douglas Vooy

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. 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

*Thank you for all the ways you give to the ministry of Maple Street Church.
Your gifts, whether offered weekly, monthly, by pledge or online, make a difference in the life of the
church. Collection boxes are located at both sanctuary entrances, on the church office door,
and the church mailbox outside the Chapel.*

OFFERTORY

Lay My Burdens Down

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 63:7-9 & Matthew 2:13-23

MESSAGE

"On Day One"

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Tune: ODE TO JOY
words: Henry van Dyke

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain teach us what our praise should be.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy of the Lord

arr. David Angerman



*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!*

***Sunday, January 8th Epiphany Sunday
10am In-person & livestreamed***

Watch on Facebook & our website: www.maplestreetchurch.org
or watch on DCAT Public Access Comcast 99 or Verizon 36.

***The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
John & Doris Osgood and Paul & Doris Drouin
Given by Judy Drouin***

Our lighted steeple is an important symbol of our presence in the community. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends or to commemorate a special event help keep the steeple lighted. If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please call or email the church office. It is \$15 per week to light the steeple.

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