



Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

for April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday Worship

Prelude

Ji Hye Jung
Easter 2020 recording

Trumpet Invitation

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Eli Younger and William Kilcoyne, trumpets

Tune: EASTER HYMN

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Call to Worship

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Hope is alive!

All: Hope is alive, indeed!

One: God's love is eternal!

Hallelujah!

Let us give thanks for what God has done.

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Eli Younger and William Kilcoyne, trumpets
Ji Hye Jung, organ

Tune: EASTER HYMN
words: Charles Wesley

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of me and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, o death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, o grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection thou! Alleluia!

Invocation:

God of grace and power,
we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb.
We come trusting in the good news
that tells us Christ is with us.
For the Risen Christ is living proof
that You care about our lives, O God.
The Risen Christ offers to us glimpses of hope,
even in our tears.
As the tomb is not quiet.
It speaks. It proclaims!
It is a promise of eternal life!
Thank you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection grace,
Help us in our pain, despair and fear
so that we are not prone to follow
the path of hopelessness.
Help us, to instead, be like the Risen Christ,
and rise up, as a brave and holy people,
living beyond our pain, despair and fear
by remaining hopeful in your steadfast love.
Help us, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God hears our prayers of grace and mercy,
and raises our countenance from despair,
into resurrection joy!
God meets us in our human suffering,
comforts us in our tears,
and offers to us new hope,
Hallelujah!

Anthem

He Is Alive!
Kathy Gross, flute
Ji Hye Jung, piano

Joel Raney

Prayers of the People

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:1-20**Message**

“Remember”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Communion

The 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.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!
Eli Younger, trumpet; Anthony Djoko, euphonium

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS
Words: Edmond Budry

1. Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;
Conquered is the grave in which your body lay.
CHORUS: Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
2. See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared;
Do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;
Tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting. CHORUS
3. Am I still frightened? One whom I adore,
Jesus lives again, gives peace forevermore.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head;
Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread. CHORUS

Benediction Response

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Melchior Vulpius

Postlude

Hallelujah from The Messiah

G.F. Handel

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
our families departed loved ones
Given by Bruce & Val Billingham*

*The chancel flowers are in honor of
our children & precious grandchildren
Given by Bruce & Val Billingham*

*The beautiful Easter lilies and tulips on the altar are the
generous donation of Bruce & Val Billingham
and will be delivered to our homebound members during Easter week.*

*The steeple is lit in loving memory of
George & Rachel Bradstreet
Given by Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet*

Announcements & Events

Sunday, April 4: *Easter Sunday*

at 8am: Easter Sunday Outdoor Service in the Memory Garden

at 10am: Easter Worship Service at 10 AM (Virtual Service Online)

*at 11am: Easter Communion Blessing & Fellowship (In-Person outdoors in church parking lot)
Come and receive communion, join in fellowship time, and Easter egg hunt for the kids.*

Tuesday, April 6 at 7pm: *Church Council Mtg on Zoom*

Sunday, April 11 at 10am: *Second Sunday of Easter followed by Congregational Mtg on Bylaws on Zoom*

Tuesday, April 13 at 7pm: *Deacons Mtg on Zoom*

Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm: *CE Mtg on Zoom*

Sunday, April 18 at 10am: *Third Sunday of Easter Worship*

Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm: *World Service Mtg on Zoom*

Sunday, April 25 at 10am: *Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship*

Tuesday, April 27 at 7pm: *Trustees Mtg on Zoom*

Email the Church Office for the Zoom meeting links: 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: **SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

The meeting will follow the church service (about 11:00 AM) on Zoom. This is a very important meeting to vote on changes to our Bylaws. Since we have not had a quorum since our last Annual Meeting in May 2020, we must reaffirm all our previous votes this year at our Annual Meeting, and the first step is making changes to the Bylaws at this meeting. Please mark your calendar and join us on the 11th either online or by calling in. We want your vote; you are going to be counted. Instructions for joining the meeting will be in the Weekly Update on April 7th or call the office for help 978-774-4510.

WARRANT FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

You are hereby notified that a Congregational Meeting of Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC, Danvers, Massachusetts, will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 via Zoom/Video Conference at the close of the Worship Service (11:00 a.m.). (The link to this meeting (for Zoom) and a call-in number (non-Zoom) can be found in the Weekly Update and/or in the email meeting reminder.

Agenda:

1. Receive a presentation from the Maple Street Church ("MSC") By-Laws Review Task Force on proposed changes to the MSC By-Laws.
2. Consider and discuss the Task Force's recommended changes to the MSC By-Laws such as reducing the quorum requirement at congregational meetings from fifty (50) voting members to 10 percent of MSC's current active members and the make-up of committees.
3. Vote to accept the recommended changes to the MSC By-Laws.
4. Transact any other business that may legally come before it.
5. Adjourn.

Documents to support the warrant:

Copy of the MSC By-Laws with recommended changes.

Scott Spearing

Clerk