



Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

for May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide and Mother's Day

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Special Music

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

The Marquand Gospel & Inspirational Choir at Yale Divinity School

Call to Worship

Leader: God speaks to the heart,

People: Offering compassion and hope.

Leader: God enlivens the mind,

People: Inviting curiosity and wonder.

Leader: God awakens all spirits,

People: Fostering sacred connection.

Leader: God nurtures our strength,

People: Creating unimagined possibilities.

Leader: God calls the whole world,

People: Inspiring extravagant love.

Invocation

Creating Spirit,

we join with the chorus of all of creation
to celebrate your wondrous deeds.

Fill us with your joy and train our ears for harmony,
so that we may contribute to the world You are already creating.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus,
who revealed what is possible through love. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Unwavering God, we keep asking what is it that you most want us to do with our lives in hope you might tell us something easier. Instead, You offer the same answer every time: Love one another as I have loved you.

We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be.

We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace.

We are swift to anger and resistant to make amends.

We are prone to suspicion and resistant to build trust.

We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change. Unwavering God, in these moments of stillness, hear our struggles with the love you call us to practice...

Assurance of Grace

Friends, hear the good news. God's love is so extravagant and inclusive that it knows no bounds. It transcends borders and speaks a universal language. Abide in that love. Find joy in that love. Be renewed by that love. Replicate that love in the world. Amen.

Special Music

How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD, arr. John Purifoy
Kathy Gross, flute and Ji Hye Jung, piano

Children's Message

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prayers of the People

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

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 & Prayer of Thanksgiving

It is one thing to memorize the words of Jesus. But it is another thing to let those words transform us and rearrange our priorities and our lives. In these moments for quiet and reflection, what is it that God is inviting you to rearrange about your priorities? What is it that you want to offer to the Church and to the world as a practice of God's love?

Scripture Reading—John 15:9-17

Message

“Go And Tell Others”

Rev. Pamela Cochrane

Hymn of Response

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY;
words: Henry van Dyke

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.

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.

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.

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

Ji Hye Jung

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Don Jacobson
Given by Eileen & Kris Jacobson*

Announcements & Events

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

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



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;
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- Annual Report
- Annual Budget for 2021 - 2022