

# Order of Worship for November 8, 2020

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*The altar flowers this Sunday are in loving memory of  
Chester W. & Josephine B. Potter; Lloyd E. & Helen L. Potter, both WWII;  
John J. Worsencroft, WWII & Barbara F. Worsencroft; Jay Baxter Worsencroft;  
Calvin R. Potter, Ens., WWII & Jane P. Potter, DAR; Leonard T. Potter, WWII  
& Elisabeth S. Potter; Steven & Mark Potter; Kenneth W. Potter, Korean War  
Given by the Potter Family*

*The chancel basket flowers are in loving memory of  
Thomas Vallette  
Given by Marian Vallette*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of  
Richard Langley  
Given by Bill & Adrienne Bradstreet*

Welcome

Rev. Pam Cochrane

Prelude

**Call to Worship**

Choose the way of God,  
Choose the way of justice and mercy.  
Choose the life of God,  
Choose to love your neighbors as yourselves.  
Choose the hope of God,  
For our hope is not found in the powers and princes of this world.  
Choose the peace of God,  
For God's peace is with those who seek and pursue justice.  
Choose the way of God,  
Remembering that Christ is our way, our truth, and our life. Amen.

**Opening Prayer**

Breathe in us, Holy Spirit. Breathe in us Your life. Breathe in us Your presence. Breathe in us Your hope, peace, joy—whatever it is we need. Breathe in us, breath of God, and call us into Your ways. In the chaos of the world, help us to remember to stop and breathe. To slow down and take notice of how You have been at work and are continuing to work in our world and in our lives. Breathe in us, Holy Spirit, and help us to move with each breath toward a more just, loving, and kind world. Amen.

**Prayer of Brokenness/Confession**

Ancient of Days, we make plans and predictions, but who are we? Mere mortals who have only a glimpse of what tomorrow brings. We don't presume to understand what You know, O God, but we do know that You have been with us since the beginning, and You will see us through. You are the one who knows the hairs on our heads, who whispers our names, who knows the deep wounds we live with in our hearts. We come to You in our brokenness, in our aching, in our sighing, because You are the Great Physician. Heal us, O God. Heal our bodies and spirits. Heal our families, neighbors, communities. Heal our cities, our nation, our world. Heal us, O God, by restoring our hope, our faith in one another. Heal us by helping us to be whole again, to let go of the practices that cause harm, and cling to ways of justice, mercy, and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Blessing/Assurance (from Romans 8:38-39)**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. There is nothing that will ever separate us from God's love. You are God's beloved child. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Go and share the good news. Amen. *-Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org*

## **Offering**

### **Special Music**

*It Is Well with My Soul* tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, arr. Jay Althouse  
Kathy Gross, flute  
Ji Hye Jung, piano

**Scripture Readings**— Amos 5:18-24 & Matthew 25:1-13

Lori Dupont

### **Message**

“There's Still A Hole In The Bucket”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **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 today 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, for ever and ever, Amen.**

## **Prayer of Leave Taking**

**Hymn of the Month** *Great Is Your Faithfulness* Tune: FAITHFULNESS; words: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
With you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
All of your goodness forever will be.

**Refrain:** Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. **Refrain**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# Weekly Announcements & Events

## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, Nov 10 at 7pm:** *Deacons Meeting on Zoom*

**Wednesday, Nov 11:** *Veterans Day -CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED ALL DAY FOR REPAIR WORK*

**Wednesday, Nov 11 at 6:30pm:** *CE Meeting on Zoom*

**Sunday, Nov 15 at 10am:** *Ingathering Worship Service with Guest Artist Bobby Valentine  
& World Service Car Parade following worship*

**Wednesday, Nov 18 at 6:30pm:** *Nursery School Committee Meeting on Zoom*

**Sunday, Nov 22 at 10am:** *Thanksgiving Sunday Worship*

**Tuesday, Nov 24 at 7pm:** *Trustees Meeting on Zoom*

**Sunday, Nov 29 at 10am:** *First Sunday of Advent Morning Worship*

Email the Church Office or Pastor Pam for the Zoom meeting links:

[info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)

[revpammsc@gmail.com](mailto:revpammsc@gmail.com)

World Service Committee Update:

## Thanksgiving Ingathering Service

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> ~ *Parade of Cars After the Service***

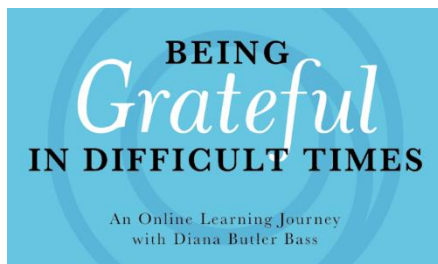
After the service, hop in your car and bring:

**CHECKS** for the Danvers Food Pantry (Remember no food, they are under construction and are only collecting monetary donations. *Please make your check out to Maple Street Church and in the memo write: "Danvers Food Pantry." You can also mail your donation to the church office prior to November 15th.*)

**DIAPERS** for Bootstraps and Community Giving Tree

**Children can bring CARDS** for our Care Givers Team to take to members of our congregation

The parking lot will be set up so you can drive in, drop off your donations from your car window, and continue right back onto Charter Street. If you would like to join the fellowship in the Memory Garden you can park in the lot across the street or in front of the church. See you there! -The World Service Committee



The Congregation is invited to participate in an online program:

***A Retreat with Diana Butler Bass "Grateful in Difficult Time"***

through Convergence at <https://faithlead.org/p/grateful>

Log in at your convenience and participate at your own speed, a little or a lot as we explore the theme of Gratitude during the month of November.

**For the login & questions, email Pastor Pam: [revpammsc@gmail.com](mailto:revpammsc@gmail.com)**



# Virtual Prayer & Table Tuesdays at 6pm

via Zoom if interested email Pastor Pam:

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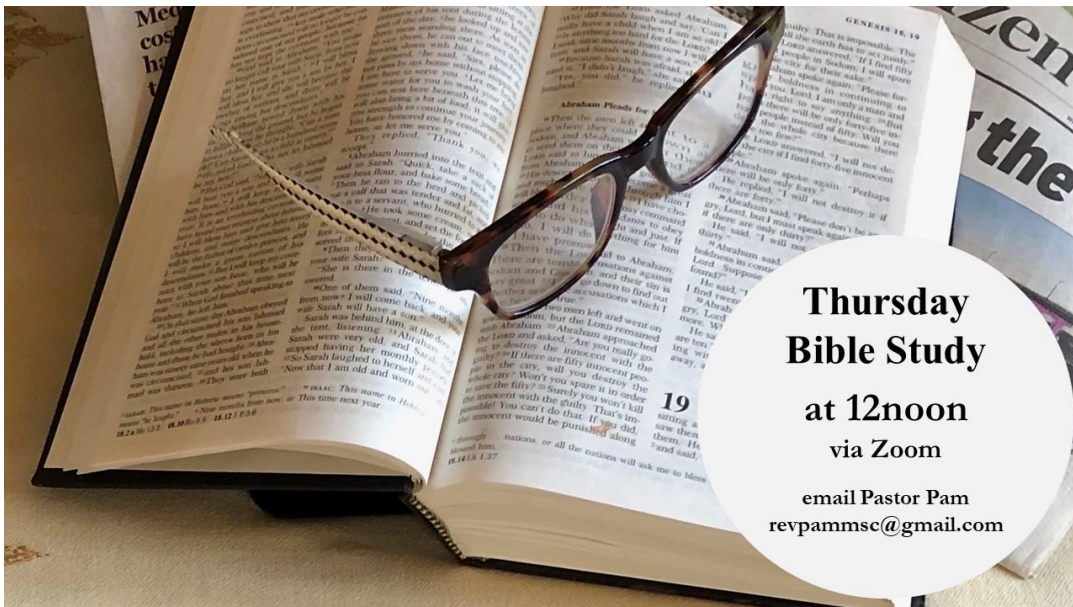
## Drop In & Conversation with the Pastors

Wednesdays at 12noon via Zoom

Email the Church Office or Pastor Pam for the  
Zoom meeting links:

[info@maplestreetchurch.org](mailto:info@maplestreetchurch.org)

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## Thursday Bible Study at 12noon via Zoom

email Pastor Pam  
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