



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
OCTOBER 3, 2021 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
& WORLD COMMUNION DAY

*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!*

WELCOME

Rev. Pam Cochrane

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: we were created in relationship and for relationship

All: We are created for community!

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

All: We are created for community!

Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

All: We are created for community!

HYMN

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light

CHORUS: Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide.

1. God the still point of the circle round whom all creation turns.
Nothing lost, but held together in God's gracious arms. **CHORUS**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **CHORUS**
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **CHORUS**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Lord, we welcome you into this time of worship, we arrive today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in a relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives broken and injured. Help us in this time of worship to open up to the healing mercy found in your love. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this world thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still, we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected, and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God!
Live in Peace!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tree Song
Ashayla and Alyla Brennan

Ken Medema

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Rev. Pam Cochrane

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

DOXOLOGY

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red No. 64

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING — Mark 10:2-16

SERMON

"Broken World, Loving God"

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread

Music: Jacques Berthier

Words: Robert Batastini & the Taize Community

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst. (repeat)

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M.

Words: Fred Kaan

1. 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!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

2. 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**

3. 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**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

*The flowers this Sunday are in celebration of the birthdays of
Carol Crum and Kris Cowles
Given by the Crum Family*

*The steeple is lit this week in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Sven Nelson
Given by Evelyn Dwinell*

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