



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 • TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Our worship services begin every Sunday at 10:00 am. Childcare is offered for 3 and under at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary. We share at 9:50 our joys & concerns. Fellowship hour follows worship in the Social Hall.

PRELUDE

Adagio

W.A. Mozart

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One : Come and worship God, who is wonderful and mysterious.

All: Awesome is the name of our God!

One: Come and worship God, who answers prayer.

All: Awesome is the name of our God!

One: Come and worship God, who speaks through prophets.

All: Awesome is the name of our God!

One: Come and worship God, who desires justice and fairness.

All: Awesome is the name of our God! Come and worship God!

***HYMN**

Come Now, Almighty God

Black No.275

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)**

God of wonder and amazement, take us to mountaintops and take us to valleys, and to places in between. And in all those places, wherever we find ourselves, may we find you, too. As we stand between memory and hope we recommit ourselves as followers of Christ. Amen.

***THE 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, 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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

***RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 241

**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 AND PARDON

*The people's response echoes the words of Martin Luther King's famous
"Mountaintop" speech, delivered the night before he died.*

One: Sometimes in life there are precious moments when we feel God especially close to us, when time seems to stand still.

Two: We want to hang on to those times. We want to stay on the mountaintop.

All: But the valley calls us; we have to go back to the valley.

One: We want to shut our ears and eyes to the cries of people for justice, to the cries of the poor for food, for the cries of the lonely and the outcast to be hugged and accepted.

Two: We want to forget about the "real world." We want to stay on the mountaintop.

All: But the valley calls us; we have to go back to the valley.

One: It is a good thing to spend time in quiet prayer and meditation, to sit and listen to the voice of God. But it is not good when we want to shut ourselves off from the needs and blessings of being part of the world.

Two: Forgive us, God, for those times when we want to escape, to run away, or when we want to stay on the mountaintop.

All: But the valley calls us; we have to go back to the valley. (pause)

One: Jesus leads us up the mountaintop for renewal and refreshment.

Two: And Jesus walks with us down into the valley, and is with us in the world.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANTHEM

Climbing Up the Mountain Based on Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Donald Moore

SCRIPTURE SHARING —Matthew 17:1–9 Pew Bible pg.851 Rev. Douglas Vooy

***HYMN**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Black No.183

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MSC THIS WEEK



Today at Church

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall

Monday

2:00 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall
4:30 pm Girl Scouts in the classrooms

Tuesday

5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Celebration in the Social Hall

Wednesday

9:30 am Yoga in Reception Room
10:00 am Women's Group in the Reception Room
4:00 pm Girl Scouts in the Social Hall
4:30 pm Alleluia Morning in Music Room
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Prayer & Table in the Chapel
7:00 pm Trustees in the Reception Room

Thursday

4:30 pm Rejoice Choir in Music Room
5:00 pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall
7:30 pm Chancel Choir in Music Room

Friday

2:00 pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall

Sunday

10:00 am All-Age Worship & Communion with Common Art
Show in Social Hall following worship
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall

Announcements

White Sock Drive

The Women's Group is collecting **new white, unisex socks** for Common Cathedral in Boston. **We will be collecting the socks starting February 16 through March 22. Look for baskets near the Chapel door and on the Social Hall stage.** Thank you!

Light the Steeple:

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 lit for one or more weeks, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and send it with \$15 per week to the church office. **We have many dates available for 2020!**

Food Pantry Requests

Remember Food Pantry Collection is the **second Sunday of every month**. Right now, they need **Progresso Soups**. Please consider donating soups on March 8th. Many thanks!

Wednesday, February 26 at 10am: *The Women's Group* will meet in the Reception Room. The Hostesses for the morning will be Pat Newman and Helen Drinkwater and our speaker will be Christine Moody from Operation Troop Support. Christine and her husband Dick have been serving America's deployed soldiers since 2003. If you need a ride, please call Grace Phinney 978-774-9667. Hope to see you there.

World Service Committee: *Recycle Your Unwanted Treasures*

The Lifebridge Thrift Store earns money for the homeless in our community. They would love to sell those items that you no longer want or need. They are looking for:

- Small Household Items (no furniture please)
- Jewelry
- Books
- Puzzles (with all of the pieces)
- Art

Bring them to the Social Hall following worship on **March 15th or March 22nd** and we'll be sure to get them to the thrift shop for you.

Save the Dates

Shrove Tuesday: February 25th at 5:30pm in the Social Hall—Come feast on pancakes, games, dancing, and fellowship before we prepare for Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday: February 26th—Prayer & Table at 6pm in the Chapel. This will replace the regular Tuesday Prayer & Table for this week.

Sunday, March 1st: *All-Age Worship & Communion with Common Art Gallery Show in the Social Hall.* *Common Art* - is a program of *Common Cathedral* which provides space, materials, & caring support to unhoused and low income individuals as they develop their artistic abilities. The art will be on view and for sale this Sunday from 10am-12:30pm. Come join in fellowship & community with our friends from Common Cathedral.

Saturday, March 14th at 7:15pm: Silent Movie Night featuring Charlie Chaplin's *CITY LIGHTS*

This classic 1931 silent movie showing will feature live piano accompaniment provided by Robert Humphreville. Admission: \$10 per person • \$25 per family • 2019-2020 Artist Series Sponsors admitted free of charge. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Sunday, March 15th: *Stewardship Sunday*

Sunday, March 29th: *Special Music Sunday Celebrating 175 Years of Maple Street Church*

Sunday, April 5th: *Palm Sunday with an All-Age Worship*

Thursday, April 9th: *Maundy Thursday*

Friday, April 10th: *Good Friday*

Sunday, April 12th: *Easter Sunday*





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Welcome! If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered during the worship service. Sunday School for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second hymn except on “First Sundays.”

***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!***

Everyone is welcome at Maple Street Church, people of all races, economic means, sexual orientations, long-time church people, and folks who have never been to church. We affirm that everyone is a child of God and is welcomed to participate in the whole life of the church. Join us in building a beloved community and finding greater meaning through faith and action.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, & Friday: 9:30am-12:30pm; Wed & Thurs: 9am-3pm

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey;
setting by Joel Raney

***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!**

MESSAGE

“From the Mountain Top”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Black No.182

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (reprise)
Tune: HYFRYDOL; words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction Response.
The Postlude is transitional music which inspires us as we go forth as
disciples to serve God and one another. Worship has ended.
Our Service Begins. . .*



Our Worship Services are aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and
Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10am & 7pm
(one week delay)

Sunday's Servants:

Deacons of the Month: Gisela Turner

Ushers: Linda Matthews, Julia Martin, Marie Cooper, & Ken Blackadar

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of
Edward O. Foerster, Violet Foerster, C.A. Leone,
Salvatore Leon, Elaine Leon,
& Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Duffill, Sr.
Given by the Duffill Family*



**If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please
fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.**

I would like the steeple lighted in memory: _____

OR in honor/celebration of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

Signed: _____

Telephone Number: _____

