



MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
AUGUST 29, 2021 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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!*

PRELUDE

Ji Hye Jung

WELCOME

Rev Pam Cochrane

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The days of summer are coming to an end and the earth is a hub of activity. Mother Earth prepares herself for yet another change of seasons, for another cycle of the planet's life.

All: And we, too, prepare ourselves for new rhythms of life: for return to school, for leaves that will soon be turning to vibrant, wonderful colors, for birds that are readying themselves for a long journey south, for animals that are preparing themselves for the harsh winter.

One: Our ears and our eyes behold the wonders of these changes in season and we say, "Thank you, God!" And on this day, we prepare ourselves to worship you.

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Words: Henry Alford

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide, for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield.
All the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky.
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
All that liberal autumn pours from her rich o'erflowing stores.
3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow;
And for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, every day is a new day. Every day, you show us the world that you've made. Every day, you show us people who love us. Every day, you show us how you care for us. Teach us to see you in everything and everyone, and to be the best that we can be for the world, for each other, and for you. 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 BROKENNESS & BLESSINGS

For the times we have been too quick to speak without hearing what another is saying, forgive us and help us to be quick to listen. For the times we have spoken too much and accomplished very little, forgive us and give us courage to be doers of your word. Open our eyes to see others as you would see them. Open our ears to hear others as you would hear them. Open our mouths to speak kind words to one another in love. Thanks be to God who never stops loving us!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God among us, you show us who you are by what you give us. What we give others is a sign of who we are, too. Bless our gifts today, that they may do your work, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Garden
Amy Brierley, alto

C. Austin Miles

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.**

SCRIPTURE — Mark 7:1–8, 14, 15, 21–23

MESSAGE

“Rules, Roadblocks and Barriers”

Rev. Pam Cochrane

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Tune: MARYTON L.M.
Words: Washington Gladden

1. O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true:
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience, let me be in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shalom to You Now

Traditional Spanish Melody
words by Elise Eslinger

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

Ji Hye Jung

*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*

*We extend thanks to Amy Brierley for sharing
her gifts of music for this morning's worship.*

The flowers this Sunday are given:

*In loving memory of Sally O'Connell
Given by Sheila Crotts*

*In loving memory of William Bailey
Given by Lynne Hathaway*

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