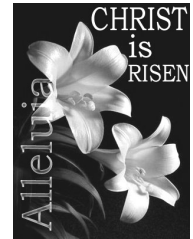


Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,



April 16, 2017 **Easter Sunday** **10:00 a.m.**

*Child care is offered for 3 and under during Worship at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary.
We share at 9:50 our prayers for joys and concerns. During coffee hour announcements may be given.*

PRELUDE *Allegro From Judas Maccabeus* by G. F. Handel
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT *Hallelujah, Amen* G.F. Handel



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Great joy and peace to you!

All: May joy and peace fill our lives this Easter Sunday!

Leader: Listen for the voice of God within you.

All: Come, O God, fill us with your light and love!

Leader: May resurrections and transformation be with those in pain and fear.

All: May hope guide our actions. May love be our guide.

Leader: Praise to the living God!

All: A new day and new hope are upon us! Let's spread it around this town! Amen and Amen.

--RevKev



***OPENING HYMN** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Red No. 182



***INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (IN UNISON)**

**Loving Savior, lead us into life. Lead us when we have doubts and struggles;
lead us when we are at peace and feel Your presence around us. Lead us
away from the temptations of the world to live for ourselves; lead us to live
out Your commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Lead us on,
Savior Shepherd, out of the darkness of death into Your eternal light.**

--Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray the prayer he taught us

** Please stand as you are able.*



***THE LORD’S PRAYER (IN 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.**



***RESPONSE**

Black No. 253, v. 2

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

ANTHEM

Morning of Grace

John Purifoy



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Pam



***HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection

Black No. 245



SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

You are invited to complete the “Connection Card” if you are new, need to update information or have special requests

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



OFFERTORY

I Am the Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter
arr. Joel Raney



***Doxology**

Red No. 64, verse 5

**Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia. Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Maple Street News



Today is Easter Sunday: *No Sunday School today.* All children and families are invited to worship and celebrate together during the Easter worship service. No Fellowship time following worship today.

However, there is an **Easter Egg hunt** after worship—meet in the Social Hall.



We are grateful to the **Beverly Boys of Brass** for uplifting worship with their music today. They are **Arieh Soferr** and **Elias Chambers**, trumpet; **Timothy Johnson**, French horn; **Jonathan Soferr**, trombone; and **Jake Kielty**, tuba. All are students at Beverly High School.

Applications are now being accepted for the **Rev. Dr. Charles Gross Scholarship**. High school seniors planning post-secondary education should take an application from the folder on the ledge outside the church office. *Deadline to turn in applications is May 5.* The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, May 21.



Chair Challenge: Only 28 chair donations are needed to reach our goal — we're almost there! Aren't the new chairs the best? Imagine having plenty available to use at all those wonderful MSC events—no more cold, hard chairs! No need to wait—you can donate now for \$25 per chair. If you haven't done so already, please help us reach our goal! And our sincere thanks to all those who have already donated 1 or more chairs! *Thank you.*

The next **Men's Breakfast** is **Saturday, April 29**, at the *new time of 9 am*, at the **Breakaway Restaurant**, 225 Newbury St. (Rt. 1), Danvers.

The Breakaway will prepare a gourmet buffet breakfast for us! The cost is \$15 per person and includes taxes and tip. If you wish to attend, please contact the office (978-774-4510) so that we have an accurate count for the chef.



In preparation for our service honoring members of 50 or more years, we are requesting that if you or someone you know has been a member of Maple Street Church for 50 years, you please let us know by contacting one of the Pastors or the office at 978-774-4510 and info@maplestreetchurch.org




Although Stewardship Sunday has come and gone, we are still accepting pledges. Your pledge helps the church to budget for the coming year. If you haven't done so already, please consider making a pledge to Maple Street Church. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and on the Ledge; they can be mailed or left in the lockbox on the office door. Thank You!



Dot Meier, a member of many years and wife of the late MSC Pastor Robert Meier, has passed. A celebration of her life will be held on **June 10, 2 pm**, at the Brewster Baptist Church, 1848 Main Street, Brewster, MA. If you would like to send your thoughts, prayers and/or condolences to her daughter Shirley Vautin, you may contact the church office for her address.



The logo for "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) is circular. It features a central figure of a person with arms raised, surrounded by the text "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" in a circular path.

The **UCC One Great Hour of Sharing** is next Sunday, April 23. A flyer is inserted in this bulletin for your information. Giving through OGHS helps those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty. Please open your hearts and contribute what you are able—

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Maple Street Church, please complete a "connection card," and put it in the collection plate. You will be contacted by Pastor Kevin or Pastor Pam. Or, you may speak to one of the Pastors following the worship service.

*Jesus never rejected anyone and neither do we!
Everyone is welcome at MSC.*

Heartfelt thanks to those many who donated to *Nu Day Syria*.
Blessings to you!



This Week at Maple Street

The Nursery School is on vacation this week



Tuesday

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting in the Reception Room

Thursday

7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room



Saturday

Rail Trail Kickoff with coffee and brunch in the Social Hall

Sunday

OGHS



Reminder

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY is the second Sunday of each month. This collection benefits the Danvers People to People Food Pantry. Non-perishable food, canned proteins and diapers are needed. Any and all donations are very much appreciated! Please help.





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Our Worship Services are recorded each week and aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm (one week delay)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10 am-2 pm; Tuesday through Thursday 9 am -2 pm; Friday 9 am-12 pm

Pastor Kevin Smith is available for home visitation, member weddings, funerals, memorial services, baptisms, and pastoral counseling. Pastor Pam is also available. Feel free to contact Pastor Kevin or Pastor Pam if you need a listening ear, if you want to discuss the work of the congregation, or if you would like to join Maple Street Church!

Office schedules can vary for ministers as they attend meetings, attend to church business, write and prepare for Sunday worship away from the office, visit members of the congregation, and more, so it's always wise to call or e-mail to make an appointment if at all possible. Pastor Kevin's day off is Friday. Pastor Pam's day off is Monday. Pastor Kevin's worship preparation times are Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon when he will be out of the office. Pastor Kevin is available 24/7 in case of emergencies and also has office hours on Sunday until 2 pm in addition to weekdays. You can contact both at the Church Office phone listed above, the emails listed above, or you can contact Pastor Kevin at 978-968-5020.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

pew Bible pg. 865

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



SERMON

“Lightning Strikes and Earthquakes”

Pastor Kevin



***CLOSING HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Red No. 199

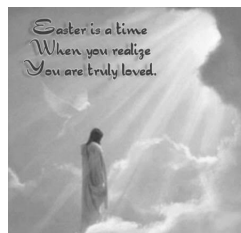
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dance
Beverly Boys of Brass

Willie Renwick

*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*



You are welcome here anytime! Our worship services begin every Sunday at 10:00 am



Welcome to Maple Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. If you are here for the first time, please fill out the “Connection Card” and pass it on to an usher or put it in the collection plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered throughout the worship service.

The church of disciples who welcome you!
Visit our web page at www.maplestreetchurch.org

Sunday’s Servants:

Greeter: Ken Blackadar
Deacon of the Month: Sandi Bogel
Ushers: Alden Duffill, Lynne Duffill, John Foss and Bob Wilkinson
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of my mother Helen Culver Stone
By John H. Stone*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of
our family’s departed loved ones
Given by Bruce and Val Billingham*

*The Chancel basket is in honor of our children and precious grandchildren
Given by Bruce and Val Billingham*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one.
If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Donna Graves at 978-762-9916.**

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 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 of: _____

I would like the steeple lighted in honor of: _____

Requested date (if available) to light: _____

(signed) _____ Telephone Number: _____