

Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here!*



April 23, 2017 **Second Sunday of Easter** **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 *Romanze* W.A. Mozart
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who will tell the Good News to the world?
People: Here I am, send me!
Leader: Who will share God's love with those on the margins and
welcome them in?
People: Here we are, we will go!
Leader: Who will care for the poor and the sick?
People: Here we are, we will do it!
Leader: Who will welcome the stranger, who will speak out for the
oppressed?
**People: Here we are, and though we tremble, we will follow Christ.
Let us join in this time of worship, ready to be the body of
Christ. Amen.** *Adapted, Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution*



OPENING HYMN—Here I Am, Lord* (words on insert) Daniel L. Schutte



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: Risen Christ, we come to You seeking signs of the resurrection,
signs of new life.
**People: Help us to be witnesses of Your eternal love in our lives by
loving our neighbors as ourselves, by seeking their needs and
including the marginalized and oppressed.**

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** Please stand as you are able.*

(cont.) Leader: Remind us that we draw borders and boundaries, but You have come to tear them down.

People: **Call us into Your body and remind us of all the unique gifts that we bring when we join together in You, the living God, who lives and breathes and moves in us.**

--Adapted, Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution

In the name of the one who reached out to the odd, the different, the hurting and then invited them into God's reign of love and compassion, and who taught his disciples to prayer, saying...

***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—*Angel Rolled the Stone Away*

Traditional, arr. Peter Amidon



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Pam



HYMN—Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (please see insert)

Tune: Festal Song
words: William Merrill

(At the end of the hymn, children and youth are invited to go to the "Covetent Room" for an all-age activity.)



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

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

***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,**

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Maple Street News



Today is the Second Sunday of Easter and One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

- 9:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns
10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under. Feel free to use the rocking chairs in the back of the Sanctuary
11:30 am Please join the Maple Street Church family for a “*cup of justice*” (free trade environmentally friendly coffee) during Fellowship Time in the Social Hall.



The **UCC One Great Hour of Sharing is TODAY!** An envelope for donations is inserted in this bulletin. Giving through OGHS helps those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty. Please open your hearts and be as generous as you are able—

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, please let us know by contacting one of the Pastors or the office at 978-774-4510 or info@maplestreetchurch.org*



The next **Men's Breakfast** is this coming **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.



Applications are 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.



Women's Fellowship

The **Women's Group** will meet **this Wednesday, April 26**, at 10 am in the Reception Room. We are pleased to welcome back Rev. Kevin as our guest speaker. Hostesses will be Eileen Jacobson and Beverly Hayward. We will take names for reservations at Wenham Tea House, where the May meeting will be held.

We are very grateful for the pledges we have received. If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. Your pledge helps the church to budget for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, in the basket at the Sanctuary entrance from the lobby and on the Ledge; they can be mailed or left in the lockbox on the office door. If you wish to have pledge envelopes, indicate that on your pledge card. Thank You!



Chair Challenge: Only 22 chair donations are needed to reach our goal — we're getting close! Aren't the new chairs comfortable? Imagine sitting on one 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! Very sincere thanks to all those who have already donated 1 or more chairs! *Thank you.*

An **Easter Memorial Gift** has been received in memory of **Henry and Bertha Tongue** from their daughter Karen Tongue Hammond.

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

This Week at Maple Street

Monday



6:30 pm Wolf Scouts in the Social Hall

Tuesday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall

Wednesday

10:00 am The Women's Group in the Reception Room

4:30 pm Alleluia Morning in the Music Room



Thursday

7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room



Saturday Men's Breakfast at 9 am—The Breakaway Restaurant, 225 Newbury St., Rte. 1 Danvers

Sunday

Sunday Worship and Honoring of our 50-year Members



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.

(cont.) **And praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:36b-49 pew Bible pgs. 920-921

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet." ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

SERMON "Hope for Total Renewal" Pastor Kevin

***CLOSING HYMN** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Red No. 160

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE—from "*Before the Cross of Jesus*" Tune St. Christopher
Words: Ferdinand Blanchard

Please join in singing

**On us let now the healing of your great Spirit fall,
And make us brave and full of joy to answer to your call.**

POSTLUDE *Menuetto* W.A. Mozart

*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*



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:

Deacon of the Month: Sandi Bogel

Ushers: Donna Mandriota Peggy Coyne, Donna Eovacious and Bob McBride

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

The Steeple is lit in memory of Bill Hayward

By Beverly Hayward

The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of

Blenda and Eugene Acheson

Given by Karen Kane

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: _____