

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!*



August 6, 2017 First Sunday and Service of Communion 9:00 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 8:50 our prayers for joys and concerns. During coffee hour announcements may be given.*

PRELUDE *Were You There?* Traditional Spiritual

(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)



WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The day breaks

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The hour calls

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The evening falls

All: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God in worship

All: God, who never turns from us.



***OPENING HYMN** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Blue No. 1



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (IN UNISON)

God, you see us. You see our struggles, you see our difficulties.

You see our possibilities, you see our promise.

Connect the dots for us, O God.

Soften the hard spots with your blessing.

Call us in our wandering to hear you say our names.

Satisfy our longings as with loaves and fishes and manna from heaven.

For you are a God present in the daily scramble of our lives.

And in the end, you always, always have a blessing.

**For this and so much more, we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ and
join together in Jesus' name to pray...**



***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**

Blue No. 241

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



ANTHEM

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

Amy Brierley, alto; George Kingsley, bass

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*(At this time, children and youth are invited to
the Covenant Room for an all-age activity.)*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Traditional, arr. James Koerts

Amy Brierley, alto; George Kingsley, bass

***DOXOLOGY**



**Let all things their creator bless, and
Worship him in humbleness,
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**

**God of increase and bounty, source of all good things:
we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us.
May these gifts be as loaves and fishes
for those who are in need of your love and nourishment.**

Maple Street News

Today is First Sunday and Communion Sunday in the Chapel.

We are grateful to Amy Brierley and George Kingsley for offering special music for worship this Sunday.

8:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns

9:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under.

10:30 am Please join the Maple Street Church family in the Memory Garden after Worship for *Lemonade in the Shade* and “cool” fellowship.



We do appreciate those conscientious members who take used dish towels home from the kitchen to launder. However, our supply in the kitchen is very low, and we ask that those who have taken towels to launder return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help.

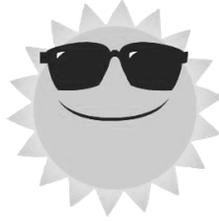
Beginning July 6, Linda will be out of the office on medical leave until the end of August. We are pleased to have Emilia Emerson here during her absence to help the staff and to answer the phones; we ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Thank you.



If you have something you need our Sexton to do (set up tables and chairs, open the building, etc.), please complete one of the “Sexton Request Forms” on the table just outside the Sanctuary in the hall and place it in the Sexton’s mailbox.

Thank you.



Summer Hours

Sunday: 9 am Worship in the Chapel
Monday: 10 am—12 pm
Tuesday through Thursday: 9 am—12 pm
Friday the office is closed



Need extra chairs? The trustees will soon be disposing of the old grey metal chairs, so if you are interested in, or know a group or organization that could use them, please contact Val Billingham or Steve Horn, our trustees' chairpersons.



Memory Garden Watering: please consider signing up for a week or more to help water this special garden during this summer. If you can help, you can sign up at <https://goo.gl/fBJCM2>. The garden committee needs “waterers” to keep the plants and flowers blooming!

This Week at Maple Street

RevKev is on vacation 7/24-8/7

Tuesday

9:15 am : A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room



Friday

Offices Closed

Sunday

Worship at **9 am** in “prayer-conditioned” chapel
Lemonade in the shade



Reminders



Your old eyeglasses can change another person’s life! If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, please put them in the collection box located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board. Children’s eyeglasses are particularly needed.



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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)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Psalm 17:1-7

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick. Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.” But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.” “All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said. Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

SERMON

“For Health and Strength and Daily Food “

Rev. Pam

***COMMUNION HYMN**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Black No. 330

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (BY INTINCTION)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE MEAL



UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal in remembrance, in celebration and in thanksgiving of Jesus Christ. In sharing this bread and cup we are nourished in the the love you bring to the world. May we be strengthened to carry your love with us in all we do and say and may this love multiply. Praise be to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

As We Gather at the Table

Black No. 332

BENEDICTION

A Loving Heart (excerpt)

Timothy Bushong

Amy Brierley, alto; George Kingsley, bass

POSTLUDE

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

Traditional Spiritual

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 Week: Sandi Bogel, Eileen Russell
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in celebration of Michaela Bartlett's 14th birthday. Happy birthday Michaela!
Love Mom, Dad, Nana, and Lucky*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Walter H. "Mike" Tipert, Jr.
Given by his wife Janice Tipert*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one.
If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Pat Newman at 978-739-4022.**

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: _____