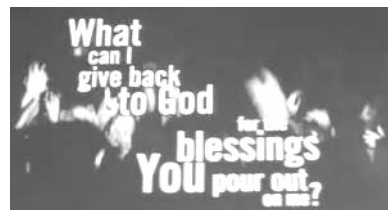


Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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



February 21, 2016 Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m.

Childcare is offered for 3 and under during Worship at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE *II. Adagio Cantabile in "Pathetique" Sonata* L.V. Beethoven
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Let the light shine and drive out all fear!
People: **The grace of the Lord is our shelter and strength.**
Leader: Come! Let us seek the Lord!
People: **Lead us, O God, and teach us your ways.**
Leader: Show us, O God, how to live in your abundance!
People: **May a sense of abundance through your love, O God, show us how to be generous of spirit and love our neighbors as you love us! Amen.**

--Adapted, Amy Loving



***OPENING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Red No. 251



***INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE (in unison)**

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your love, so that we may live with purpose, generosity, enthusiasm and courage after the example of Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray...

--Adapted, Disciples of Christ

**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**

Tune: Red No. 177

**Center in us O God, we pray,
Mindful of love, Your passions way.
Break forth within our darkest night.
From death's own cross, a holy light. Amen**

ANTHEM

The Potter's Hand

Darlene Zschech

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP AND FAITHFUL GIVING

Sarah Prescott



***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

Red No. 391

*(At the beginning of the hymn, children and youth will
go to the Social Hall for a One-Room Schoolhouse)*



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**

A Loving Heart

Timothy Bushong

Maple Street News

Today is the Second Sunday in Lent and One Room Schoolhouse.

- 9:50 am Joys and Concerns
9:55 am Announcements
10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under.
11:30 am Enjoy a *cup of justice* and fine fellowship in the Social Hall following Worship today. Don't forget to sign up for the **All Church Pot Luck Luncheon** taking place next Sunday.



Pastor Kevin's Lenten Discussion Group begins Sunday, March 6, after worship and is using the book *Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength: Lent*, by Christina Villa. You may purchase the book from MSC (see RevKev or Linda) or you may download it on your Kindle or Kindle app. Please contact the office if you wish to participate.

Baritone Robert Honeysucker, who is internationally recognized for his brilliant opera, concert, and recital performances, will appear in concert in our sanctuary **this coming Saturday, February 27, at 7:30.** Mr. Honeysucker, who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will present a program on the Civil Rights Movement in song and word. We were so deeply moved by his singing last spring when he appeared as a guest artist for worship that we invited him back to present **this special program, which he is creating at our request.** We look forward to welcoming Robert Honeysucker to Maple Street Church as a part of our 2015-16 Artist Series and hope you will join us for this concert.



Admission is \$15 per person; \$10 for students and seniors. Artist Series sponsors will be admitted free of charge.

Taxes--one of life's dreaded chores: However, this dreaded chore can do something good by raising money for Maple Street Church. Simply have your taxes prepared by H & R Block! *Download and print H & R Block Referral Program Form*, get one from the ledge, the narthex or the social hall and take it with you when you have your taxes done by H & R Block. Maple Street will receive \$20 for each new client who chooses to use the tax services of H & R Block!



Maple Eves will meet on **March 9th at 7:00PM** in the Social Hall with guest speaker Donna Davis, practitioner in Middleton at “Ever After Counseling and Wellness.” Donna spoke to us last year on “Finding Bliss in your Hectic Day”--she was amazing. Her practical style and sense of humor make her informative and fun. Guests are welcome. Priscilla Curda and Jan Moller will host and Priscilla will also lead devotions. Dessert will be served. If you are not on the Maple Eves call list and would like to attend, please call Marge Hathaway at 978-774-5848.



Save the Date! Wednesday, March 2--The 2016 Meier Fund Lecture featuring Rev. Molly Baskette, author of the widely acclaimed *Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead and Yours Can Too*

Real Good Church is engaging and easy-to-read and holds promise for every church that is looking to reinvigorate its church life and community. I encourage you not only to be a part of this March 2 workshop but to read Molly's book before she comes . . . Molly Baskette “doesn't rule-ify 6, 10, or 24 steps to grow or emerge your church. She tells engaging stories . . . how First Church Somerville UCC came back from the dead and trusts you to live into your own story.” Thank you . . . for bringing Molly Baskette to plant seeds of hope, possibility, and promise for the future of Maple Street Church.

--Kathy Gross

Don't miss this exciting event -- Save the Date!

We stand as a church to learn a lot from her experience from which we can draw in our own efforts to rejuvenate Maple Street Church. This really is a golden opportunity for us!



This Week

Monday

6:00 pm Boy Scout Banquet in the Social Hall (Lafata)

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting in the Reception Room

Tuesday

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

7:00 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall (Gibbons)



Wednesday

4:30 pm New Kids on the Rock in the Music Room



Thursday

7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room

Friday

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

Saturday Robert Honeysucker Concert, 7:30 in the Sanctuary



Sunday Congregational Meeting, Stewardship Sunday and All Church Pot Luck Luncheon hosted by the Church Growth and Stewardship Committees



Please remember to bring your copy of the Meeting Minutes from the last Congregational Meeting. There will only be a few hard copies available.



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Our Worship Services are recorded each week 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 Friday 9 am - 2 pm

Pastor Kevin Smith is available for home visitation, member weddings, funerals, memorial services, baptisms, and pastoral counseling. Feel free to contact Pastor Kevin 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 Kevin's worship preparation times are Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon when he will be out of the office. You can contact him at the Church Office phone listed above, the e-mail listed above, or at 978-968-5020.

***Doxology**

Red No. 515

Praise God from who all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Colossians 1:1-14
Psalm 116: 2-19 (The Message)

pew Bible pg. 1026
pew Bible pgs. 530-531

SERMON

"Thanksgiving in Every Moment"

Pastor Kevin

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

We Gather Together

Red No. 21

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE--*Go in the Grace of the Lord*

James Barnard

POSTLUDE

III. Rondo in "Pathetique" Sonata

L.V. Beethoven

*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.*





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. **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn.

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

Sunday’s Servants:

Greeter: Leo Curda
Acolytes: Matthew Shannon and Timmy Donohoe
Deacon of the Month: Alden Duffill
Ushers: Charles Desmond, Phyllis Boyd Desmond, Scott Spearing and
Priscilla Curda
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Louise Gould
By Susan Gould McGrath*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Sally and Dan O’Connell
Given by the Crotts Family*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one.
If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Lynne Duffill at 978-774-7344.**

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: _____