

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!*



July 16, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Holy God of wind and fire;
PEOPLE: **Dance through this room today.**
LEADER: Holy God of earthquakes and illness;
PEOPLE: **Share our tears of sadness and pain.**
LEADER: Holy God of creation and new beginnings;
PEOPLE: **Show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.**

--Kathryn Hawker

***OPENING HYMN** *Come Now, Almighty God* Black No. 275

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

LEADER: We see Elijah calling on the name of God,
responding to the forces of evil with an appeal to a higher power.
PEOPLE: **May we be a people of faith.**
LEADER: We see Elijah caring for the most vulnerable,
offering bread to the widow and a healing touch to her child.
PEOPLE: **May we be a people of compassion.**
LEADER: We see Elijah speaking truth to power,
daring to deliver words of judgment to the King.
PEOPLE: **May we be a people of justice.**
LEADER: We see Elijah ascend in the whirlwind,
offering the promise of the still unfolding future.
PEOPLE: **May we be a people of hope.**

--Kathryn Hawker



***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: 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Tune: ERIE

Words by Joseph Scriven

Gayla Bartlett, soprano; Noreen Waters, alto;
Jonathan Prescott, tenor; George Kingsley, bass

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER



***HYMN**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Blue No. 341

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

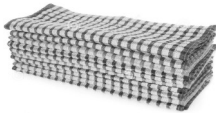
My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

Swiss folk melody, words by Thomas Lynch
Gayla Bartlett, soprano; Noreen Waters, alto;
Jonathan Prescott, tenor; George Kingsley, bass

Maple Street News

Today is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 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.

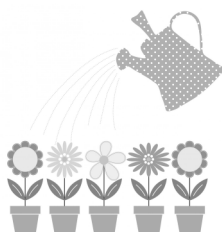


If you have something you need our Sexton to do (set up tables and chairs, open the building, etc.), please complete one of the “Sexton Request Forms” on the table just outside the Sanctuary in the hall and place it in the Sexton’s mailbox.

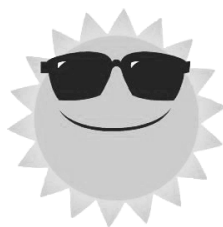
Thank you.



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!



Summer Hours

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

This Week at Maple Street

Tuesday

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



Friday

Offices Closed

Sunday

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



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.

***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**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 7:11-17 *The Message*

Pew Bible pg. 942

Not long after that, Jesus went to the village Nain. His disciples were with him, along with quite a large crowd. As they approached the village gate, they met a funeral procession—a woman’s only son was being carried out for burial. And the mother was a widow. When Jesus saw her, his heart broke. He said to her, “Don’t cry.” Then he went over and touched the coffin. The pallbearers stopped. He said, “Young man, I tell you: Get up.” The dead son sat up and began talking. Jesus presented him to his mother.

They all realized they were in a place of holy mystery, that God was at work among them. They were quietly worshipful—and then noisily grateful, calling out among themselves, “God is back, looking to the needs of his people!” The news of Jesus spread all through the country.

SERMON

“Spiritually Alive”

Pastor Kevin



***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Black No. 286

BENEDICTION

Shalom to You Now

Please join in singing

**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

Yesu Kwentu Ni Rafiki

arr. Mark Burrows

*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.*



**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!

Sunday’s Servants:

Greeter: Sarah Prescott

Deacon of the Week: Casey Brennan

Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of our mothers, Louise Murphy and Anna Waters
By Noreen and John Waters*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Rollin Shannon
Given by Sally Shannon
and*

*“Happy 70th Birthday Mom/Nana. We love you!”
Love, Gayla, Michaela, Aaron, and Lucky*

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: _____