

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 30, 2017 Seventeenth 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

Come, Jesus, Holy Child

Paul Strodach



(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing along with gladness:

People: God is gathering the people!

Leader: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

People: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Leader: Those who are weeping, God will console;

People: Those who are lost, those who are blind, will find a clear path home.

Leader: Let us worship the God who gathers us, guides us and illuminates
our path.

People: Praise be to God.

***OPENING HYMN**

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Black No. 22



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



Holy Spirit, who call us in from all places. Gather us in this household of God to sing and praise and offer thanks for all that we have and all that we bring to strengthen the one body of Christ. Bless us with open hearts to see grace and hope in all your people. May our vision grow as we seek to find the signs of your love in the faces of all those we walk with each day. Teach us patience and persistence as we meet the challenges of the day with hope for compassion and understanding, that all our brothers' and sisters' voices will be heard. Continue to gather us, and guide us into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you.



***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

Bright Morning Stars

Traditional
Deborah Sauer, soprano

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER



***HYMN**

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Black No. 393

*(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 Lord, What a Morning

Spiritual, arr. Jay Althouse
Deborah Sauer, soprano



***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**

**Open our eyes, O God, that we may see before us a path with Christ. You
send us light and love and comfort where there is loss and despair. You bring
hope to the weary and joy to the faithful. Let these our gifts given with heart-
felt gratitude, commitment and praise this day be acceptable to you. Take
them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you
love! Amen.**

Maple Street News

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*We are grateful to have Michaela Bartlett as our youth liturgist this morning.
Special thanks to Faith Bertrand for delivering this week's sermon.*

- 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.



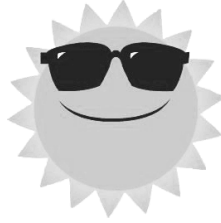
We do appreciate those conscientious members who take used dish towels home from the kitchen to launder. However, our supply in the kitchen is very low, and we ask that those who have taken towels to launder return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.
Thank you for your help.

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.

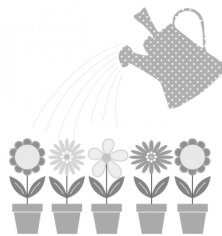


Summer Hours

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

Youth Liturgist: Michaela Bartlett

I Corinthians Ch. 13 - "The Gift of Love" Pew Bible pg.1049

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SERMON

"The Foundation for Faith's Faith"

Faith Bertrand



***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Faith of Our Fathers

Blue No. 365

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

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Cecil Alexander

*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: Phyllis Boyd Desmond
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Tony and Nicklas DeLorenzo
Given by Kathy DeLorenzo-Macalone and John Macalone*

**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: _____