

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!*



May 14, 2017 **Fifth 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 *May* I. Tchaikovsky
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

--Life in Liturgy, Disciples of Christ



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

*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: God, you are the Gardener, and you are planting something new;

People: In this time of worship, may we grow in Christ.

Leader: God is pruning and refining us so we may bear fruit;

People: In this time of worship, may we repent, and know God's forgiveness.

Leader: God is nurturing us with water and Spirit, that we may blossom;

People: In this time of worship, may we praise our Creator and Sustainer!

Come, let us join together in worship; Let us praise God, who is growing something new in us.

--Adapted, Rev. Mindi, Rev-0-lution

Let us pray the prayer that is profoundly meaningful for our lives lived in Christ, who taught his disciples to pray this way...

** 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**

Black No. 253, v. 2

**Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

ANTHEM

A Loving Heart

Timothy Bushong

MOMENT FOR CHURCH HISTORY



Bob McBride



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Pam



***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Red No. 66

*(At the beginning of the hymn, Pre-K through 7th graders are invited to the
Education Wing for Chapel Time and Classroom Activities.*

Youth grades 8 through 12 are invited to gather in the Reception Room.)



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

Fairest Lord Jesus (from I Am the Lord of the Dance)

Joel Raney

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




Maple Street News

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Hospitality Sunday hosted by the Flower and Memorial Gift Committees, and Food Collection Sunday. This collection benefits the Danvers Food Pantry. Non-perishable food, canned proteins and diapers are needed. Any and all donations are very much appreciated! Please be as generous as you are able.

Today is also Mothers' Day. A happy and blessed Mothers' Day to all our mothers.

- 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 in the Social Hall to enjoy the warm hospitality of the **Flower and Memorial Gift Committees** along with your "*cup of justice*" (free trade environmentally-friendly coffee) and the J & J Raffle.



 Don't forget to get your raffle ticket for a chance to win the lovely arrangement by **J & J Flowers**. All proceeds go to the green card fund. This is the last raffle of the church year; we thank **Judy Manuel and Judy Drouin** for their generosity of time, talents and flowers to make this fundraiser possible.

The **Annual Meeting** is one week from today—**Sunday, May 21**—please see the insert in this bulletin for details and plan to attend. A limited number of February 23 Congregational Meeting minutes are available on the ledge for you to review prior to the meeting.



The next **Prayer and Table Worship Service in the Chapel** will be held this Tuesday on **May 16 at 6 pm.**



4 to go—

Four (just 4!) chair donations are needed to reach our goal — we're so-o-o-o very close! The Chair Challenge will end soon— *Please help us reach our goal before then.* No need to wait—you can donate now for \$25 per chair. Very sincere thanks to all those who have already donated chairs! *Thank you.*



Your pledges help the church to budget for the coming year and we are sincerely grateful for the pledges we have received. If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. 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. Thank You!



Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 pm—*Light the Night Purple!*

It's a walk and community-friendly gathering *sponsored in part by Maple Street Church* and supporting awareness of opiate and other substance use in our community—Please see the insert for more information and plan to join the Maple Street Church Family in this free event.

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 on the back page and send it with \$15 per week to the church office



This Week at Maple Street



Monday

7:30 pm Boy Scout Pack Leaders Meeting in the Social Hall

Tuesday

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

6:00 pm Prayer and Table Worship in the Chapel

6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall



Thursday

11:00 am **Staff Meeting**

7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room

Sunday

Confirmation, High School and College Senior and Leadership Recognition, Rev. Dr. Charles Gross Scholarship Award, and Annual Meeting



Reminder

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. Thank you.





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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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-8

pew Bible pg. 939

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

SERMON

“Branch of the Loving God”

Pastor Kevin

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Black No. 498

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in the Grace of the Lord

James Barnard

POSTLUDE

Arabesque

Claude Debussy

*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:

Greeter: Leo Curda
Deacon of the Month: Phyllis Boyd Desmond
Ushers: Charles Desmond, Phyllis Boyd Desmond, Scott Spearing and
Priscilla Curda
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of our Mothers
Ethel L. Littlefield and Burdette C. Hathaway
Given by Lew and Marge Hathaway*

**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.**

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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: _____