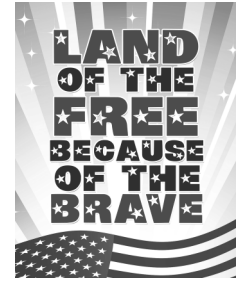


Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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



**Memorial Day Sunday and the
May 28, 2017 Sacrament of Baptism 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 *Sonata in A* W. A. Mozart
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Creating God, stir in us the newness of life, that we may experience what
You are doing in the world around us.

People: **Help us not to grow stale to the world, dim to Your light, but to reflect
Your light and the newness of Your creation in all that we do.**

Leader: Inspire us to live for others, to love all our neighbors and seek their well-
being.

People: **In living for others, we find ourselves living out Your greatest
commandment, knowing that You lived for us, so we live for others.
Create in us the newness of life, that we might love, live, and share the
joy found in You. In the name of Christ, who makes all things new, we
pray. Amen.**

-Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution



***OPENING HYMN** *Lead On, Eternal Sovereign* Black No. 573



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: The Kingdom of God is at hand – You proclaimed it, Jesus; But, it often
feels like it's a million miles away. You demonstrated its grace and showed
its power, but the signs often appear faded or absent in our world. We
need Your Kingdom to come, O God, in all its fullness, in all its glory;
This waiting, this "now and not yet" experience of Your reign is hard and
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** Please stand as you are able.*

(continued) frustrating. And so we pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our lives, turning our sickness and sin, our brokenness and fear into friendship and compassion, wholeness and joy.

People: May Your Kingdom come to us now.

Leader: We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our neighborhoods, turning our division and suspicion, our judgement and our competition into fellowship and care, compassion and service.

People: May Your Kingdom come to us now.

Leader: We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our world, turning our war and our disparities, our consumption and our self-interest into peace and collaboration, stewardship and reverence.

People: May Your Kingdom come to us now. Your Kingdom is here, and it is coming, O God. Make us faithful heralds of its message and tireless practitioners of its ways.

--John van de Laar

In the name of the one we witness to through our lives and who taught us to pray, saying...



***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

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody

Kathy Gross, flute; Ji Hye Jung, piano

arr. John Purifoy

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Benjamin Joseph Wood and Lucy Harper Wood

Born, August 24, 2016

Beverly, MA

Children of Chelsea and Michael Wood



***HYMN**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Black No. 325

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

Maple Street News

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Memorial Day Sunday and the Sacrament of Baptism.

- 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. We welcome the family and friends of **Benjamin Joseph Wood and Lucy Harper Wood**, children of Chelsea and Michael Wood, who are being Baptized here today.
- 11:30 am Fellowship time in the social hall. Please join the Maple Street Church family and enjoy a “cup of justice” (environmentally friendly fair-trade coffee).



Caring for Creation in a Faith-filled Way

Caring for God's Creation



How do we care for this beautiful fragile planet and what more can we do? Share what you'd like to learn and we'll all search together.

We'll look for a greater understanding of how our faith informs our interactions with the earth and care of God's creation.

We'll look for improvements to make in our own lives. A few possibilities we could explore and learn more about are: ways to live a more sustainable life, ways to make our church a "greener", healthier place, ways to use and care for our natural resources more efficiently and effectively, and ways we can help our community be more sustainable.

If you are interested in joining us on this journey, please contact Linda or Val by email at careforcreationmsc@gmail.com

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The next **Prayer and Table Worship Service in the Chapel** will be held this coming Tuesday, **May 30 at 6 pm.**

This Wednesday, May 31, 7-8 pm, don't forget that Maple Street Nursery School is sponsoring a **"Story Book Talk"** in the Social Hall. *(Talking to children while reading a storybook is one of the best ways to help them develop their language and reading skills.)* You Are Invited!



Friday, June 2, 7 pm, *The Beverly Boys of Brass* will return for their final concert at Maple Street on Friday, June 2, at 7 p.m. The performance will be family friendly; children are welcome and invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for students and seniors. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate their outstanding musical talent and give them a warm send-off!

YA-HOO!! ***YOU*** reached our goal—100 chairs donated and a matching gift from Memorial Gifts—we will have 200 nice and comfy chairs very soon! Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you!



Memorial Day Tribute—Never Forgotten

*For Every Moment of Peace
For Every Day of Greatness
For Every Liberty We Have
We Owe Our Veterans!*

Although on Memorial Day we remember those who died in active service, a special thank you goes out from our hearts to those currently serving

This Week at Maple Street



Monday Church Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday

9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
6:00 pm **Prayer & Table Worship** in the Chapel
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall
7:00 pm **Vision Team Meeting** in the Reception Room



Thursday Summer Office Hours Begin
Monday, 10-12; Tuesday-Thursday 9-12;
Friday, Closed

Friday Church Offices Closed
Boys of Brass Concert, 7 pm



Sunday Pentecost Sunday, Communion Sunday, CE Celebration,
and Strengthen the Church Offering





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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.

MOMENT FOR REMEMBRANCE

Pastor Kevin and Judy Manuel

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

Deep River
Kathy Gross, flute; Ji Hye Jung, piano

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes

***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.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:6-11

pew Bible pg. 947

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

SERMON

"A Witness for Love"

Pastor Kevin

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Red No. 228

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory and Worship are Before Him

Henry Purcell

*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: Casey Brennan
Deacon of the Month: Phyllis Boyd Desmond
Ushers: Donna Mandriota, Peggy Coyne, Donna Eovacious and Bob McBride
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Robert H. Kern
By Evelyn Kern*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Art Dupont
Given by Lori Dupont*

*The Chancel Basket is in loving memory of Ralph H. Porter, WWI & WWII &
Lillian V. Porter; Calvin R. Potter, Ens. WWI, and Jane P. Potter, DAR;
Nancy P. Rothwell; and Andrew Werse
Given by the Potter 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 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: _____