

# 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!*



**August 20, 2017      Twentieth 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

*(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)*



## WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: When we have been left out,*

***People: God has included us.***

*Leader: When we have been forgotten,*

***People: God has remembered us.***

*Leader: When we are downtrodden,*

***People: God lifts us up. We are forgiven, renewed and restored. We are loved by God. Let us praise and worship God and share the good news of God's love by loving others. Amen.***

*--Adapted, Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution*

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *Opening Hymn: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*    Blue 16

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



**Jesus our Companion and Savior, lead us in the ways of Your love. Guide us to live lives that are a blessing to those around us instead of a hindrance to their daily needs. Help us to include rather than exclude, to break down walls rather than build up, and to welcome instead of turn away. Help us to live into the ways You taught us, and to learn from our mistakes. In Your name we pray the prayer you taught us.**

*--Adapted, Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution*

*In the name of the one who welcomes everyone into God's home and 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**

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**

*Grace*

arr. Mark Hayes  
Evelyn Kern, soprano



**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Blue 232

*(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**

*I Will Sing New Songs*

Antonin Dvorak  
Evelyn Kern, 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**

# Maple Street News

Today is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We extend special thanks to Evelyn Kern for sharing special music for worship and to Judy Bonnell, who is substituting for Ji Hye at the piano this Sunday.

**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.*

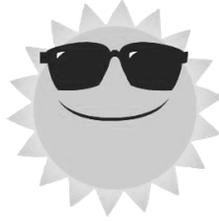
Beginning July 6, Linda will be out of the office on medical leave until the end of August. We are pleased to have Steve Carr here during her absence to help the staff and to answer the phones; we ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

*Thank you.*



**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

The Board of Deacons is preparing for a new church year and is seeking your time and talent to serve as Ushers, Greeters and Scripture readers for Sunday morning Worship. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities and/or volunteer to help, please contact Casey Brennan via tel. at 978-578-9464 or e-mail [caseb74cb@gmail.com](mailto:caseb74cb@gmail.com)



*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

**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  
**FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE**



### 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.

Our Maple Street Cares about God’s Earth meeting will take place after worship this Sunday, August 20th. All are welcome to attend! We will meet in the reception room.





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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

Psalm 67 From The Message

God, mark us with grace  
and blessing! Smile!  
The whole country will see how you work,  
all the godless nations see how you save.  
God! Let people thank and enjoy you.  
Let all people thank and enjoy you.  
Let all far-flung people become happy  
and shout their happiness because  
You judge them fair and square,  
you tend the far-flung peoples.  
God! Let people thank and enjoy you.  
Let all people thank and enjoy you.  
Earth, display your exuberance!  
You mark us with blessing, O God, our God.  
You mark us with blessing, O God.  
Earth's four corners—honor him!

**SERMON**

*Mark Us With Blessing*

Pastor Kevin

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Come, O Fount of every blessing*

Black No. 459



**BENEDICTION** *Shalom to You Now* Spanish melody, words by Elise Eslinger

*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**

*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](http://www.maplestreetchurch.org)*

### Sunday's Servants:

Deacon of the Week: Paul Eovacious  
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Stu Phinney and our son Jeff.  
Given by Grace Phinney.*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_