

# 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 27, 2017    Twenty-first 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: Lord God, we come to you in humble awe of who you are.

**People: We worship you this morning with songs and voice and with prayers.**

Leader: We adore you with our love, praises and thanksgiving.

**People: We thank you for all you are doing in and through your church.**

Leader: Churches that were once dying are now alive and growing.

**People: Churches that had become unhealthy are now healthy again.**

**Churches that had become turned inward are now turned outward.**

**Churches that were inhospitable have become inviting and hospitable.**

Leader: Lord God, we thank you for what you are doing in our own lives.

**People: Growing us to be mature in our faith. Growing us to be more like Jesus. Growing us to be loving of others and especially the unloved.**

*--Adapted, RevGalBlogs*

### \*OPENING HYMN

*God Reigns o'er All the Earth*

*Black 21*



### \*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Leader: Come, now God, hear our prayers: We now pray for those in our midst who need healing, in the hospital, home recovering, in rehabilitation, those waiting for results of tests.

**People: We pray for those who are grieving today may they be comforted, re-find their way, be strengthened and encouraged.**

Leader: We pray for those who are in financial distress, facing foreclosure, loss of job, long-term unemployment. May their prayers be heard, jobs found, ease of finances, and the ability to pay their bills.



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**\*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER, cont'd**

People: And Lord we come bringing our prayers for our communities, our countries and our nations. It feels as if we live in tumultuous times everywhere. There is violence between peoples, prejudice and bigotry, seem on the rise again. Lord we need you to intervene in our world to put right the wrong, to guide our leaders, to relieve the suffering and pain and to offer real hope to the world. We believe that on this rock you are building your church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. You gave us the keys of the kingdom of heaven to have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. Let us then be your church in this world. Let us choose love, not hate; justice, not inequality; and, hope despair. Bring us the joy living through Your love and love of our neighbors.



*-Adapted, RevGalBlogs*

*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**

*Air from the Suite No. 3 in D*

*J.S. Bach*

*Kathy Gross, flute*

*Ji Hye Jung, piano*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**



**\*HYMN**

*We Love Your Realm, O God*

Black No. 321

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

*Simple Gifts*

*Shaker Hymn, arr. John Purifoy*

*Kathy Gross, flute*

*Ji Hye Jung, piano*

# Maple Street News

Today is the Twentieth 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 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.*

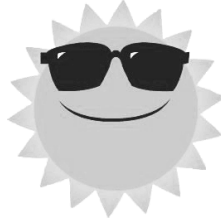


PLEASE!!  
NOTE



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

**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!



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)

## 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



### 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**

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**SERMON**

*Getting To Know You*

Pastor Kevin



**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Blue No. 227

**BENEDICTION**

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

*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: Gisela Turner  
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Henry and Bertha Tongue. Given by Karen Tongue Hammond.*

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