

# 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!*



**October 29, 2017      Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time      9:50 a.m.**

*Childcare is offered for 3 and under during Worship at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary.*

**PRELUDE**

*Nocturne no. 1*

Eric Satie

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

## WORDS OF WELCOME



### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved people of God: we are called to love with all our hearts!

**People: Let us love with all our hearts, all our souls and all our minds.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts; let us walk together as neighbors.

**People: Let us love each other as Christ has loved us.**

Come, let us rejoice!

*--Michael Anthony Howard*



### \*OPENING HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Red No. 363



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

**Lord, You are the one we turn to time and time again**

**No matter what goes on in our lives.**

**You are our sanctuary when times are rough.**

**You are our encourager when we feel discouraged.**

**You are our God who loves us even when we feel unloved.**

**You are our host who welcomes us when we feel tired and weary.**

**You are our nurturer when we need to be taught how to live as your children.**

**And we are your children, who seek to know you more deeply in our lives.**

**We are your followers who seek to live as you would want us to live.**

**We are your servants in a world that has so many great needs.**

**We are who others look at to see how one lives when they say they believe.**

**And we come back home to you daily seeking that warmth, that love, that encouragement, Your hospitality and love make it possible to then live as your children so that all may find their home in you and feast at your heavenly table of plenty.**

*--RevGalBlogs*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*In the name of the one who teaches us to forgive one another, and ourselves, and who we turn to in times of hardship, 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**

Tune: Red 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**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Virgil Thomson



**GATHERING SONG** *Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast*

Mark Morgan

Pam: Come on, children to the gospel feast.

**All: Gather 'round, gather 'round.**

Pam: Jesus welcomes all, the little and least.

**All: Gather 'round, gather 'round.**

**This is where we sing and pray, read God's word on this glad day.**

**Come on, children, to the gospel feast, gather 'round, gather 'round**



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Pam



**\*HYMN**

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

Black No. 408

*(At the end 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.)*



**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*You are invited to complete the "Connection Card" if you are new,  
need to update information or if you have a special request*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**\*Offertory**—*The Cool of the Day*

Jean Ritchie, arr. Peter Amidon



# Maple Street News



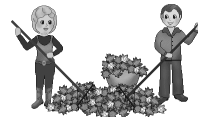
**Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time and today is also the Vision Congregation Meeting following Worship.**

- 9:50 am Joys and Concerns  
10:00 am Morning Worship. Childcare is offered for children 3 and under at “Kid’s Korner” in the hall behind the Sanctuary.  
11:30 am ***A light lunch will be served in the social hall preceding the Vision Congregation Meeting. All are invited.***



***If you need a ride to Sunday Worship and other church activities,*** know that the Deacons can make arrangements for you. Please call the church office (978-774-4510), call Deacons Ride Coordinator Gisela Turner (978-624-7901) or email her at [imaboatertoo@aol.com](mailto:imaboatertoo@aol.com)

Last Saturday was the “**All-Church Fall Cleanup**” and it was a big success. With only a few people, we raked, weeded and cleaned up the back borders, the side yard against the Rail Trail out to Maple Street and trimmed back the Cedar by the dumpster. The Memory Garden was raked up as well, and new bulbs were planted for spring. The Reception Room closet was cleaned out, banners were sorted and reorganized.



**Many thanks to my helpers:** Judy Drouin and Priscilla Curda, Pastor Kevin, Noreen Waters, Sally Shannon, Sheila and Dick Crotts, Jenn Napolitano and Jeff, Peggy Coyne, and Aaron Bartlett. A special thanks to John Waters, who brought his truck and hauled all the leaves and debris away (and believe me, that truck was full!). See you all in the spring for some more fun! Marj Simpson

**This coming Saturday evening, November 4 at 7:30 p.m.,** our sanctuary will be filled with music and the joy of young people joined together in song. This is our fifth annual Community of Song event. Each year we have an amazing turnout, and the beauty, spirit, and sheer delight of the music builds an engaging concert and an enthusiastic audience. It is moving to see how strongly each of these choruses supports the other. In concert together, they form a true community of song.

**The admission charge per person for this concert is one non-perishable food item for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry.** We hope you will plan to join us for this joyous celebration of song and community.



Next Sunday is **First Sunday and Communion**, and don't forget to *turn your clocks back* before you retire on Saturday night.

*Coming Soon: MSC Holiday Fair, Saturday, November 11, beginning at 9 am—please see insert.*

**Toiletries Needed for Lifebridge!**

The World Service Committee makes a monthly delivery of toiletries to Lifebridge in Salem. Please help those in need by bringing toiletries to church and placing them in the collection basket located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board. This will be an ongoing project throughout the year. Thank you

*Get in the Holiday Spirit—Crafting Night for the Holiday Fair is this coming Thursday beginning at 6 pm.* Have fun, make fair items and enjoy the camaraderie!



*??What did the Lord use to part the Red Sea??*

## This Week

*If you have the Maple Eves closet key, please return it to the office!*



### Monday

- 11:30 am Pre-K Spooky Walk
- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts in the Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts in the Social Hall

### Tuesday

- 9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
- 11:00 am Nursery School Spooky Walk
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall



### Wednesday

- 4:30 pm *Alleluia Morning* in the Music Room
- 7:00 pm Sandwichers in the Reception Room



### Thursday

- 3:30 pm FFFAMS
- 6:00 pm **Crafting Night** for the Holiday Fair
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room



### Saturday

#### **Community of Song Concert at 7:30 pm**

Remember to set clocks back one hour before you retire for the night

### Sunday

#### **First Sunday Family Worship and Communion, DIP Youth at All Saints**



*Answer: A strong east wind (Exodus 14:21)*



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Our Worship Services are recorded each week 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. You can contact both at the Church Office phone listed above, the e-mails listed above, or you can contact Pastor Kevin at 978-968-5020.

**\*Doxology**

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red No. 64

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ  
whose pow'r uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 20:9-15

“A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.”

**SERMON**

“Who Owns the Garden?”

Rev. Kevin

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE—** *From All That Dwell below the Skies*

Black No. 27

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Amen, Alleluia*

John Bell

*Please join in singing*

**A-men, a-men, alleluia, amen, amen.**

**A-men, a-men, alleluia, amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccatà BWV 565*

J. S. Bach

*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 a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered throughout the worship service. **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn.

*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 Month: Casey Brennan  
Acolytes: Michaela Bartlett and Charlie Macsata  
Ushers: Casey Brennan, Alison Brennan, Gisela Turner, and Pat Newman  
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Anne and Richard Drew  
And Sandy Graves  
Given by Wes and Donna Graves*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Peggy Kuzma at 978-998-5007 or [smkuzma1@gmail.com](mailto:smkuzma1@gmail.com)**

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: \_\_\_\_\_