

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!*



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time and
September 10, 2017 Rally Day Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE *Canon in D* Johann Pachelbel
(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: Holy Spirit of Love, we welcome you into our hearts.

People: Come, Gracious God, speak to our hearts.

Leader: Holy Presence of Challenge and Inspiration, we welcome you into our midst.

People: Come, Present God, show us the path to love and service.

Leader: Holy Vision, open eyes that we might see and our hearts that we might know.

**People: Come, Loving God, give us hope, give us strength, give us courage.
Amen.**

--RevKev



***OPENING HYMN** *My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff* Black No. 418



*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: "Truly I tell you," says Jesus,
"whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
And whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
To bind, to be bound, to be bound with
So many competing demands and expectations
Aging partners and parents
Unplanned expenses
Demands at work and home and school and church
Bound

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**Please stand as you are able.*

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**People: Bound now
Bound forever
Bound with whom and for what?**

Leader: What shall we carry with us into eternity?
Our gold?
Our politics?
Our relationships?
Which?
For with this choice
We will be bound in heaven.

**People: Dear God,
May we bind with care and with love.**

--Kathryn Hawker

In the name of the one who lived his life in love, not fear; who reached out to friend and stranger alike; and who taught each one of 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**

Fight the Good Fight

John Gardner



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Pam



***HYMN**

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Black No. 448

(At the beginning of the hymn, children are invited to the "cuvatent" room for prayer time and activities. Older youth will 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.*



Maple Street News

Today is the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time and Rally Sunday. Today is also Food Collection Sunday and Hospitality Sunday hosted by the CE Committee!

RALLY DAY Today in the Social Hall
Come One, Come All...ALL are Welcome to

Maple Street Church & Rally Day!

Registration and Continental Breakfast at 9 am

- ◆ Sign up for Sunday School, Children's Choirs and other programs being offered this year!
- ◆ Banner-making, Crafts and Activities!

9:00 am—5:00 pm: Toy Tag Sale here at MSC to Benefit Hurricane Harvey Relief.

- 9:00 am Continental Breakfast and Sunday School registration in the Social Hall
- 9:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns
- 10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under.
- 11:30 am Registration and signups continue along with Fellowship time in the Social Hall—*Please take the time to register your child/youth for Sunday School if you haven't already done so.* Don't forget to sign up for the many special programs and offerings for the coming year.



Our Program for Children and Youth begins TODAY.

Don't forget to register your child today after worship in the Social Hall if you haven't already done so.



Blessing of the backpacks next Sunday! Please be sure you and your children, students, preschool through adult, bring your school backpacks, satchels or lunch boxes to worship so that we can celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. During the 10AM service we will lift up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's grace and care as they begin a new school year and church school year.



CE Sunday, Teacher Dedication, and Children and Youth Program Dedication—Sunday, September 24

Youth and Family Cookout--Sunday, September 24



First Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, *September 30, 9 am, at the Breakaway Restaurant on Rte. 1.* Please join us as we make our plans for the upcoming year. Please invite your friends even if they don't attend MSC (perhaps they will!!) and don't forget to RSVP to Linda in the church office (978-774-4510) so we can get an accurate head count for the Chef.



Coming Events:

Saturday, September 23: MSC Coffeehouse with Bill Staines. See insert.

Sunday, September 24: Earth Stewards' Meeting at noon

Saturday, October 21: MSC Variety Show

Saturday, November 11: MSC Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 18: Community of Song Concert

This Week

Monday

6:30 pm Cub Scouts Meeting in Social Hall
7:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders' Meeting



Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:00 pm Brooksby Lunch Bunch
4:00 pm Brownie Scouts in the Social Hall



Thursday

6:30 pm **Music Committee** in the Reception Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room

Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks



Reminders

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY IS TODAY. Non-perishable food, canned proteins and diapers are needed. Any and all donations are very much appreciated! *Please help.*

If you would like to have the steeple lit in memory of loved ones or to commemorate a special event, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and send it with \$15 per week to the church office or contact the office directly at 978-774-4510.



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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.



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 pass it on to an usher or leave 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. **Our Sunday School Program** 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*

Sunday’s Servants:

Ushers: Alden Duffill, Lynne Duffill, John Foss and Bob Wilkinson
Deacon of the Month: Alden Duffill
Special Assistant to the Deacons: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Diane LeBlanc
By Her Loving Family*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Howard and Katherine Anderson
and The Rev. George and Eleanor Bayer
Given by Kay and John Anderson*

**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: _____