

# MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 25, 2021

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship—from Psalm 100  
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.  
It is God who made us and we are his;

**we are God's people,  
the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to the Lord and praise God's name.

**For the Lord is good  
and his love endures forever;  
God's faithfulness continues  
through all generations.**

## HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#611)*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we want to be faith-filled people but we confess that we are often filled with fear instead. We want to live lives of trust and confidence, but instead we worry and complain. We fail to seek you in the dailyness of our lives, thus becoming unaware of your presence and your gifts to us throughout each day. Restore in us a gratitude for the gifts of daily provision, and help us to become confident in your Spirit's guidance and assuring presence.**

**A...B...C...D...E...F**



## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, *"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Beloved, these words are spoken to each of you as well. The Lord is with you to bless and to forgive, to strengthen and equip you for service in the world. Be at peace, and seek the Lord's presence and his Kingdom day by day.

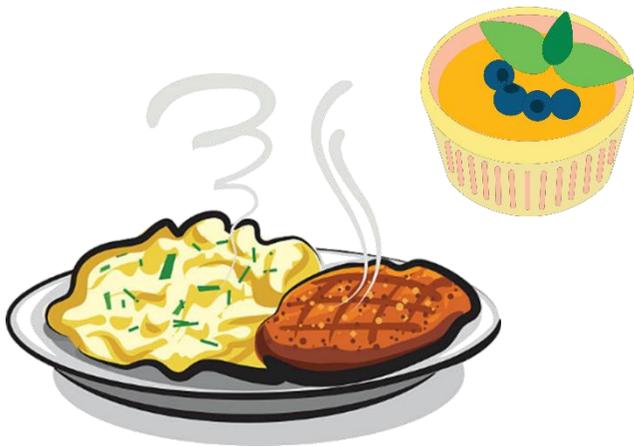
**HYMN *Seek Ye First (#175)***

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And its righteousness  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Psalm 20 and  
Matthew 6:7-13



**MESSAGE** Teach Us to Pray: One Day at a Time

**PRAYER**

**HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (#803)***

My shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.



When I walk through the shades of death  
your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows;  
your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode,  
and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest,  
but like a child at home.



**BENEDICTION**

May the grace of Christ attend you,  
The love of God surround you,  
And the Holy Spirit keep you,  
That you may live in faith,  
Abound in hope,  
And grow in love,  
Now and forevermore.  
And all of God's people said, Amen!

**POSTLUDE**

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* - John 20:21