



Today's Guest Preacher: Chris Hoke

Maplewood welcomes Chris Hoke, founding director of Underground Ministries (UM). Underground Ministries serves those at the bottom of the American system: prisoners, gang members, those most feared, locked away in solitary confinement, and deemed dead to society. UM builds relationships, incarnating the kind of love seen in Jesus, friend of sinners and outcasts.

As part of its One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP) program, UM helps churches meet the urgent need for post-incarceration reentry solutions by organizing and equipping them to build direct relationship and support with just one person returning to their community from prison. Maplewood formed an OPOP team just before covid shut-down, but continued to meet and learn, and eventually became friends with Dan Anderson, whom we also welcome to worship this morning.

After the service we invite everyone to gather in the social hall for continued conversation and learning with Chris, Dan, and our OPOP team—Sharon Eddy, Art Smith, Ann Collier, John Collier, and Carrel Tysver (member at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bothell).

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The risen Christ says:
Come to me, all you who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death!
On you has the light shone!

**For Jesus Christ is the light of the world
and this is the story;
the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness could not put it out!**

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life.
I am the bright and morning star."

**We join with the angels
in their hymns of praise.
Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace! Alleluia!
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

HYMN #248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**This is the day that you have made,
life-giving God.
Joining with angels and with the chorus
that is rising throughout all the earth,
we will rejoice and be glad this day.
You take our endings
and you make new beginnings.
Your surprise and astound us
in places where we expected
that you were absent.
You challenge us to reconsider what is
possible.
Living Lord, Savior Christ, we praise you,
for you are raised by the love and power of
God
and there is a new creation,
and, by your grace, we are in it!
Alleluia! Amen.**

RESPONSE #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God, you share with us
words of hope,
words of Good News.
But sometimes we are unable to hear them
because the source is too familiar.
You call us to share the Good News
with those around us.
But sometimes we are unable to share,
because the people know us too well,
and because we can be jealous,
wanting the Good News to be for us,
not them.

In the ways we can and have subverted
your message of freedom and healing,
where we have left the path of true wisdom,
we call upon your grace to lead us back.
Help us to hear your resurrection story anew,
that ours may also become
a resurrection story.

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the time of God's favor;
God's grace continues to proclaim
release to the captives,
sight to the blind,
Good News to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.

**We live as loved, forgiven and free people
through the grace of God!
Hallelujah! Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

MESSAGE *Is This Just the Beginning?*
-Chris Hoke, Executive Director,
Underground Ministries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN #634 *To God Be the Glory*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

