



MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026

PRELUDE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*
Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665
- Ian Alvarez, brass variation

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather to worship you, Gracious God,

Open our eyes that we may see you!

Open our ears that we might hear you!

Open our hearts that we might experience you!

Open our hands that we might serve you!

**Lift up our hearts and hands and voices
as we gather to worship you today!**

Hymn #267 *Come, Christians Join to Sing*
- Ian Alvarez, organ
- Cathy Draper, flute

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Gracious God, you've given us hearts to love you,
hands to serve you and voices to sing your praise.
Draw near to us as we draw near to you, instilling in
us a desire for your justice, mercy and humility.
Shape our character. Mold our will. Empower our
faith. And empower us through worship to serve you
gladly and gratefully, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Hymn #411 *God is Here Today*
- Ian Alvarez, piano
- Cathy Draper, flute

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's presence here today seeks to reconcile us to
each other and restore us to God's self.
Trusting in God's grace, let us acknowledge our
brokenness and offer it to God in honesty and
humility.
We join together in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, your presence in this place of worship fills
us. For that we are grateful.

***Forgive us when we fail to instill within ourselves
your desire for justice and your gifts
of mercy and goodwill.***

Give us eyes to see those around us in need, and
remove the blinders that keep us from seeing.

***Overcome our selective vision with the vision of
Christ which sees what we might otherwise fail
to see.***

Inspire us to take up our part in your unfolding work
that Jesus began and left us to fulfill.

(Time of silent prayer) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Confession spends less time looking to the past in
guilt, than looking to the future in hope.
Friends, Christ lived for us, died for us,
and rose again to give us new life.
In doing that, we are lifted to new life as well.
Hear and rejoice in the good news:
Through Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Having experienced God's grace and peace, please
join in extending this to one another. May the peace
of Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn # 399 *God Welcomes All* (sung through three
times)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11
New Testament Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Message "Selective Vision"

Hymn #372 *O For a World*

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 #767 *Together We Serve*

Benediction

Postlude *For the Fruit of All Creation*
Welsh melody, c. 1784
- Ian Alvarez, chimes variation