MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Come, children of God, to sing a new song; clap your hands and shout your praise!

April 16, 2023

Jesus is our good news,

our joy, and our salvation. In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and at work among us. God calls us into partnership with Christ Jesus and bids us walk in the light.

With all creation we sing God's praise, rejoicing in the renewal that the risen Christ brings.

HYMN #248 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

We give you thanks, gracious God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and reigns over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal and abundant life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE #634 To God be the Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION Loving Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned indifferent or hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; faith and trust where we have given in to fear; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God, be at peace, and love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #372 O for a World

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-10 Luke 10:25-37

MESSAGE Parables of Jesus: Neighbor-Love

HYMN #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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 #700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE