MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life.

The life we have been given by God,

June 18, 2023

The life we share with one another in community,

The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

And let us worship.

HYMN #401 Here in this Place

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Lord you give us rest for our weary hearts and troubled minds. When our lives run dry, you replenish us. With patience we ask you to transform our lives and, in your wisdom, show us who we were meant to be. Help us to understand and believe in the glory you have revealed, as we anticipate your wedding feast. Amen.

RESPONSE #267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Lord, our prayer may be marked with merriment, but beneath that looms worry, anger, sorrow, shame, guilt and grief. It takes our joy, and makes us feel out of control. We forget your abundant mercy and love that can overcome all obstacles. Fix us, remake us, Lord, and bring us back from our brokenness into your abundant life.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. We are beloved, and God is still working in us. The beginning of all that is God's love, and the miracle of our forgiven-ness. In Jesus Christ, we are, indeed, forgiven and loved.

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #175 Seek Ye First

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Corinthians 12:23-26 John 2:1-11

MESSAGE Sheri Teesdale

HYMN #458 Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

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. 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 #541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.