MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:1-6)

Let us extol the Creator and bless God's name forever and ever.

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Every day we will bless you Lord and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

O Holy One, each generation shall laud your works to the next, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,

and I will declare your greatness.

Let us extol the Creator and bless God's name forever and ever.

Every day we will bless you Lord and praise your name forever and ever.

HYMN #610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF THE DAY (from the Book of Common Worship)

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever, **Amen.**

HYMN #23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

(In this prayer we consider and reflect on not only our personal areas of confession, but we also reflect on and confess the failures of the whole church. Please join in this communal confession as you reflect as well on God's love and calling for you.) Wondrous God we have been like people asleep;

awaken us to the changing world around us.

Saving Lord, we have held on to a past awash with flood waters,

save us, set our feet on solid ground, and set us on a new course.

Holy Spirit, we have sought to create a church of our own making;

enliven us with your creative power, cause us in to grow together in love, building anew the church rooted in Christ.

Holy Trinity, forgive us as we hold back, open us to the new things you are creating, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God proclaims, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." In Christ we are forgiven, by the power of the Holy Spirit new life sprouts in the desert parts of our lives. God is making us and the church new today! **Alleluia! Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #819 Be Still My Soul

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 1:21-30 Exodus 16:2-15

MESSAGE

HYMN #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN #494 Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

POSTLUDE