



In 1953, the doors of the newly built Maplewood Presbyterian Church opened to welcome the residents of Edmonds and surrounding communities. For seventy years, the church has been a welcoming place for many individuals and families. A lot of years have gone by, but the memories created at Maplewood over those years remain: worshipping together, marriages, memorial services, picnics, barbecues, and serving the needs of many organizations and individuals through outreach and support.

Today's service celebrates Maplewood's long-standing legacy of love and goodwill, as we remember the past and look forward to the future.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—based on Psalm 100,  
*The Message translation*

*On your feet now - applaud God!  
Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing yourselves into his presence.  
Know this: God is God.  
God made us; we didn't make him.  
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.  
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"  
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.  
Thank God. Worship God.  
For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.*

Let us worship God with joy!

**HYMN #41** *O Worship the King*  
*(sung at MPC's opening service  
on June 7, 1953)*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Faithful God,**

**we gather, looking back to see paths taken,  
and looking forward  
to follow your path ahead for us.**

**We honor those who have gone before us,  
learning from their successes and failures.**

**We celebrate who we are today, and welcome  
the possibilities and opportunities before us.**

**We gather to worship you, O Lord, the God of  
yesterday, today and tomorrow.**

**RESPONSE #686** *God of Our Life*

## LITANY OF CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION

Thank you, gracious God,  
for drawing us together as a congregation,  
to be part of your worldwide Church.  
Thank you for those who listened to your voice  
and were faithful to your call  
to organize this congregation for your purpose,  
in this location.

We praise you for the joy and privilege of serving,  
as you have led,  
and the many ways this church has responded—

**in feeding the hungry,  
sheltering the homeless,  
and welcoming refugees;  
in providing space for those in recovery  
and for those who also gather for worship;  
in teaching children, and adults  
as they grow through your Word.**

We praise you for services and celebrations held  
here,  
marking times and seasons of life, and  
transitions—

**for baptisms,  
for commitments and confirmations of faith,  
for weddings,  
anniversaries,  
and memorials of loved ones.**

We praise you for the ways you will guide and  
grow us,  
for how you will lead, and the opportunities you  
will provide to continue serving in mission.

**Inspire us with a vision for the future  
and use that vision to direct the path of this  
congregation.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

**HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Luke 4:14-21  
Acts 1:6-8

**MESSAGE** Power and Purpose

**HYMN #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness***  
*(sung at MPC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
service)*

## 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 #643 *Now Thank We All Our God***  
*(sung at MPC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
service)*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE