MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION – John & Ann Collier Poverty 101 Workshop

October 8, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:1-4)

Let us praise the LORD!

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day after the heavens proclaim, and night to night the song continues; Yet there is no speech, nor are there words; still, the song gladdens the heart; Their chorus goes out through all the earth, and their words through all creation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, even in the dark of night God's glory is sung. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

HYMN #157 I Danced in the Morning

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(from the Book of Common Worship)

Almighty God,

you built your church

on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever, **Amen**.

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 #223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7 Matthew 21:33-46

MESSAGE

HYMN #209 My Song is Love Unknown

HYMN #515: I Come with Joy

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 #314 Christ, Be Our Light

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