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Through Love, Spiritual Growth,
and Service Together*

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Weekly Newsletter dated May 15, 2020

The logo for "From the Pastor" features a square icon on the left with a white heart containing a cross, set against a background of overlapping blue and green geometric shapes. To the right of the icon, the words "FROM THE PASTOR" are written in a large, bold, serif font, with "FROM THE" stacked above "PASTOR".

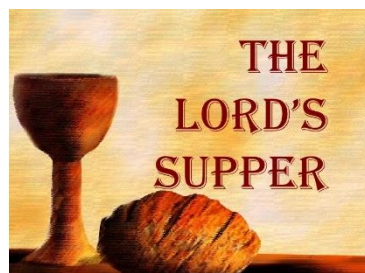
FROM THE PASTOR

As mentioned in this space last week, this Sunday, May 17, we will be sharing communion as a congregation. Yes, it feels a bit strange, and we would much prefer doing it together as we normally do, but these are not normal times. For us as followers of Jesus, the elements and the practice of communion serve as symbols for us to remember what Jesus has done for us.

As we take communion on Sunday, some of us will be alone, some of us with our spouses and children, others may have several generations together in your homes. In order for us to enter into this time, I invite you to get four things around your "gathering space" - a candle to light, a bible, bread and juice. If you want, look up Matthew 26:26-28 beforehand and mark it. When we come to the time of communion, I will lead you through it as you participate at home.

All who believe and want to draw closer to Jesus are invited to participate. I look forward to this age old and yet new way of remembering the story of Jesus' gift to us all.

*In Christ,
Terry Shue*



Sunday's Service: Remembering I Corinthians 11:23-29

Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Matthew Manchester
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

Opening Song – *Here I am to Worship*
Praise Songs – STS #34 *You Are Holy*
– *Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)*
Song of Response – HWB #471 *Eat This Bread*
Sending Song – HWB #472 *I Am The Bread of Life* (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

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HWB-Hymnal Worship Book
STS-Sing the Story

I Corinthians 11:23-29 (NIV)

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.



- ✝ Pray for Carol Sommers who is having knee replacement surgery on Saturday.
- ✝ Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.
- ✝ Pray for the family of Tina Wengerd.

Tina Wengerd passed away last Sunday evening. The family will have a private burial Sunday at Walnut Grove Cemetery. Tina and Marlin were members of Maple Grove before moving to Dalton, Ohio.



From the Ministry of Congregational Care

For the past nine Sundays, we have experienced quite a different time of corporate worship due to the serious threat of spreading the COVID-19 virus. As we find our way through this pandemic with an eye towards being wise and healthy, we also long to come back together as a congregation. Being together as a community of faith is a major aspect of being a congregation.

Toward that end, we on the Ministry of Congregational Care are in the process of starting a conversation with congregational leaders of when that might happen and what would coming back together look like when it does. If you have thoughts on this, please give them to one of us so your perspective is included. We realize it will not happen with the flip of a switch and ultimately will be something that each person and family will discern themselves. Our live stream services will continue on even as we begin the process of coming back together.

This Corona virus has brought uncertainty and change. One of those has been the pastor position here at Maple Grove. When Terry came in January, he had a trip planned in June. That trip has been cancelled and Terry has agreed to continue on a month-by-month arrangement as we work through this time. We are thankful to have Terry with us.

MOCC – Dan Dutcher, Paul Bontrager, Marty Miller, Gary Sommers

OPENING SONG: *Here I Am To Worship*

Verse 1

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

PRAISE SONG: *You Are Holy*

You are holy, You are whole
You are always ever more
Than we ever understand
You are always at hand

Blessed are you coming near
Blessed are you coming here
To Your church in wine and bread
Raised from soil, raised from dead

You are holy
You are wholeness
You are present
Let the cosmos praise You Lord!

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah A-men

*Praise
the Lord*

PRAISE SONG: *Jesus Take All of Me (Just As I Am)*

Verse 1

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come
I come

Verse 2

Just as I am though toss'd about
With all my conflict all my doubt
Fightings and fears within without
O Lamb of God I come
I come

Chorus

Jesus take all of me
I run to You
I run to You
I lay ev'rything at Your feet
Let my life be Yours

Verse 3

Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve
Because Thy promises I believe
O Lamb of God I come
I come

Chorus

Jesus take all of me
I run to You
I run to You
I lay ev'rything at Your feet
Let my life be Yours

Verse 4

Just as I am Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down
Now to be Thine yes Thine alone
O Lamb of God I come
I come

Chorus

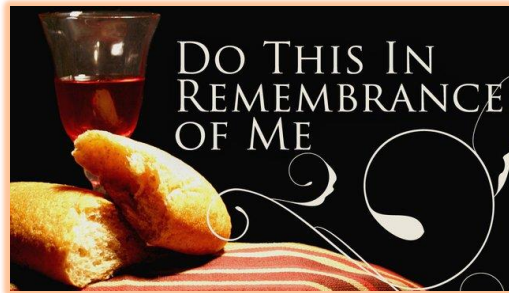
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I run to You
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I lay ev'rything at Your feet
Let my life be Yours
(REPEAT)

Let my life be Yours
Let my life be Yours

RESPONDING SONG: *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread,
drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread,
drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.



SENDING SONG: *I Am The Bread of Life*

Verse 1

I am the Bread of Life
You who come to me shall not hunger
And who believe in Me shall not thirst
No one can come to me unless the
Father beckons

Chorus

And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
On the last day

Verse 2

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread
You shall live forever
You shall live forever

Chorus

And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
On the last day

Verse 3

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood
And drink of his blood
You shall not have life within you

Chorus

And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
On the last day

Verse 5

Yes, Lord I believe
That you are the Christ
The Son of God
Who has come into the world

Chorus

And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
And I will raise you up
On the last day

WE are A COMMUNITY

Love Our Community (LOC) is seeking volunteers in their Thrift Store. LOC is a non-profit organization founded to unite our community around meeting the unseen needs of our neighbors. To enable LOC to continue to meet our communities' needs, they now have sorting needs and opportunities available. Sign up at www.loveourcommunity.net. LOC would like to share a story of how they are helping those in need in our community.

Even at 2:00 am, LOC provides clothing and other items to those in need through our clothing closet due to a fire or another emergency. The donations from our community need to be processed and organized. We also sell excess clothing and other items in our LOC Thrift Store. This store allows us to share the story of why LOC exists and how each of us can impact our neighbors while at the same time, generate revenue to care for our neighbors. Kathy's (name changed) daughter was turning 2 years old this week, but there were not going to be any presents this birthday. Kathy cleans homes for a living and her clients had canceled her services due to COVID concerns. Then Kathy remembered LOC's assistance to her family in the past and reached out to see if there might be some way to assist?

Fortunately, weeks prior, volunteers had played a critical role in donating their time to sort and organize those items located at the LOC building. When she arrived at the LOC building, a gift pack had been assembled of several donated new gifts, gently used books, gently used clothing plus some used costumes her daughter would enjoy. Kathy was overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement for her daughter's birthday.

If you would like to include something in the newsletter, please contact Cindy by noon on Wednesday each week.

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