MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH November 3, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—based on Psalm 124

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

Praise be to God, the giver of life!

Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us together here.

We come with songs of praise, and with the prayers of our hearts.

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

We join with all creation in praising our God, who made all things, and called them good.

HYMN #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PRAYER OF PRAISE—Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your faithfulness is like the mighty mountains; your wisdom like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

RESPONSE (insert) *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God, you have called us to a great hope and purpose. You have invited us to trust in you in every season. However, we allow distractions to drag us away from your presence. Instead of turning to you, we indulge our worries, frustrations, and disappointments. Forgive us when we seek shelter in our own comfort and control. Teach us again to trust in you and your unconditional love. Bring us out of our distress, O God, our deliverer. Grant us the ability to build our lives on the strong foundation of our trusted shepherd and friend, Jesus Christ.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN (insert) O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 17:5-8 Ephesians 3:14-21

MESSAGE Rooted and Grounded in Love

HYMN #703 Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

HYMN #450 Be Thou My Vision

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE What the World Needs Now Is Love, by Burt Bacharach - David Little, Piano