# MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH November 10, 2024

#### PRELUDE

## WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Ephesians 4:4-5

We have come together as one body, in Christ one people, gathered in the name of the one God. We worship together, as one, in joy and gladness! One community, unified and empowered, giving praise and honor to the ever-present God, who calls us to do all things in love.

Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we give witness to the grace and peace of the triune God, who dwells forever in divine community.

HYMN #393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

PRAYER OF PRAISE—Psalm 36:5-9

With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship, grateful that you are never farther than the reach of our need and our prayer. You who tower over the universe are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth, always renewing the faith of your children. Now, in your goodness, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to speak to us anew and to center our simple worship on your great glory. In gratitude we bring our offering of praise and the offering of our lives and our gifts to serve your great purpose of working all things together to bring harmony and joy to your creation.

## **RESPONSE #711** Lord of All Good

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up as your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen our church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity, so that we may witness to your grace and generosity without hindrance or distraction.

(silent prayer and reflection)

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on Ephesians 2:14-18

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation and has built us up into one body, in the Spirit. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled.

By the grace of God, we will!

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

HYMN #301 Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

SCRIPTURE READINGS1Corinthians 12:12-20Ephesians 4:1-16MESSAGEThe Harmony Way

HYMN #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER,

and Dedication of Pledges and Offerings for 2025

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.

## Prayer of Dedication and Gratitude

God of grace and hope, we give you thanks for the joy of giving, the mission of this community, and the pleasure of participating in your Kingdom's abundance and opportunity. Help us to keep the promises we make and feel the joy of your walking alongside us as we give ourselves away in ministry just as you did, Jesus.

Bless our budget for this coming year. And give wisdom and grace to those whose responsibility is the stewardship of our collective resources. Gracious God, lying here invisible to most of us in our offerings and pledges are our silent promises of time and skill, of prayer and participation in the joy-filled life of this congregation. We now dedicate for the year to come all our promises of support to your service in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN #317 In Christ There Is No East or West

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE