

Graduation Sunday

Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3



MAPLE PLAIN
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

JUNE 7, 2020



MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

*And who knows whether you
have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*
Esther 4:14b ESV

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD "Such a Time as This" Esther 4:6-17

Pastor Phil Eidum

*For information on the 10:15 am online service,
go to www.mpcommunitychurch.org.*

OUR PURPOSE

To glorify God through knowing Him
and making Him known.

OUR MISSION

For the **WORSHIP** of God,
The **DEVELOPMENT** of believers
And the **OUTREACH** of the Gospel.

OUR VISION

To be a Great Commission church
in the west-metro that serves
multi-generations near and far.

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Graduation Sunday

Celebrating our graduates

Ally Kurth, Delano High School

Emmy Beam, Willow Christian Academy (Homeschool)

Kaitlyn Gutzke, Mound Westonka High School

Rae Malik, Orono High School

Rebeka Knoll, Mound Westonka High School

Svea Torgerson, Orono High School

*I pray that your love will overflow
more and more, and that you will
keep on growing in knowledge
and understanding.*

*For I want you to understand what
really matters, so that you may live
pure and blameless lives until
the day of Christ's return.*

*May you always be filled with
the fruit of your salvation —
the righteous character produced in your
life by Jesus Christ for this will bring
much glory and praise to God.*

Philippians 1:9-11 NLT

RAISE A HALLELUJAH

VERSE 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.

CHORUS

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder,
you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated; the King is alive.

VERSE 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.

BRIDGE 1

Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.)
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BRIDGE

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder; my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder; Heaven comes to fight for me.
(REPEAT)
Sing a little louder.

ENDING

I raise a hallelujah.

CANNONS

VERSE 1

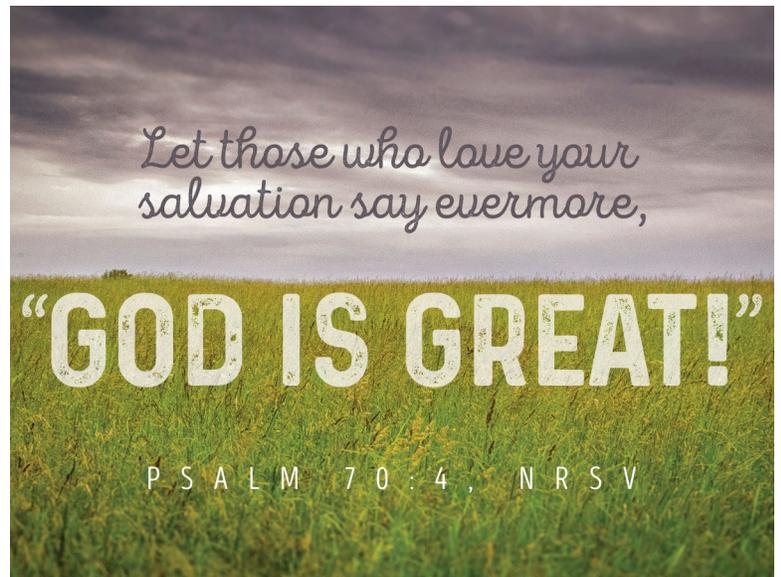
It's falling from the clouds,
A strange and lovely sound.
I hear it in the thunder and the rain,
It's ringing in the skies
Like cannons in the night;
The music of the universe plays.

CHORUS 1

(We're singing): You are holy, great and mighty.
The moon and the stars declare who You are.
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are.

VERSE 2

Beautiful and free,
The song of galaxies,
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way,
Let's join in with the sound,
Come on, let's sing it out
As the music of the universe plays.



CHORUS 2

(We're singing): You are holy, great and mighty.
The moon and the stars declare who You are,
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of You are.

BRIDGE

All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours forever, amen.

CORNERSTONE

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.
(REPEAT)

CHORUS

Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord.
Lord of all.

VERSE 2

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

INTERLUDE

He is Lord. Lord of all.

VERSE 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.



MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE REOPENING PLAN

We are so excited to be gathering again for our worship services starting June 14th! As we consider opening in a safe manner to best protect ourselves from the potential spreading of the COVID-19 virus, the Minnesota Department of Health has asked us to internally develop a prevention plan that will guide our worship services and other activities. In this plan are details like keeping staff and volunteer leaders safe, cleaning protocols, and other items of consideration. The leadership at MPCC is continuing to finalize this plan and it will be made available soon for anyone interested. We have had a lot to discuss, but want to give you five main points to consider as we gather again.

- 1) We will only be gathering for our 10:15 Worship Service only.** We know that you are excited for things to be normal. So are we! But expect things to feel a little different for a while. Connections hour will continue to be made available online and viewable anytime. There will also be no children's ministries available such as nursery, children's church, or K4J for the time being. We are working to provide some alternative options specific to the children.
- 2) We are currently restricted to seat 25% of the fire code occupancy of the spaces in use.** This means we are currently able to seat 105 in our pews and foyer. We will also have an overflow area in the fellowship hall with a livestream of the service should we exceed limits. This is to allow a 6 foot gap between family units. We will have ushers available to seat you and we ask that you do not gather in areas like the foyer and atrium as they are also our main walkways.
- 3) Our online options will continue to be available.** We know there are many of you who may not feel safe gathering at this moment. There are also others who are more prone to severe illness. We would encourage you to continue to worship from home. Our services will be livestreamed from our sanctuary each Sunday and also made available shortly after the service as a recording should there be a technical difficulty. Our goal is to keep everyone connected, regardless of their decision.
- 4) Consider your own health before you choose to visit.** We ask that you screen your health before you attend the services. We will send out regular reminders to consider various symptoms that would accompany COVID-19. Also consider if you have been in contact with someone else who has exhibited symptoms or has been confirmed positive for the virus. Use your best judgement and consider the good of others before you visit.
- 5) We encourage no hugging/handshakes and the use of face masks, especially while singing.** This will be the most difficult for the majority of us. We understand and agree that it is not going to feel like the wonderful fellowship we all know and love. Though it may seem contrary to you, we believe this is the most effective way to show love and respect for each other during the worship service. Studies continue to show that the virus spreads most rapidly through physical contact and droplet transfers from the mouth or nose. Singing has shown to increase the range in which these droplets may be transferred. Many churches have elected not to sing congregationally at this time, but we feel strongly that this is an important component of our gatherings. We know some of you may feel comfortable with normal, but we do ask that you consider those who are more concerned. Let's work together to make our gathering as safe and inviting as possible!

Please keep in mind that all of **these protocols and practices are temporary and under review on a weekly basis.** Situations will continue to change as new orders and suggestions are given. We will communicate all changes and updates as soon as they are made. We can generally expect things to become less restrictive as we consider the path of other states around the country. Thank you for your continued patience, support, and encouragement during this time.

Dominic Broda
Lead Pastor

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



KIDS WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Hangout with Ms. Steph

We invite current students at MPCC to a Zoom hangout with Ms. Klaers. If your student(s) are interested, please contact her at: sklaers@mpcommunitychurch.org or 612-669-9126.

Go to www.mpcommunitychurch.org for details and links to all the events.

EVENTS & MINISTRIES

For the latest information about events and church service information see:
www.mpcommunitychurch.org, the **MPCC facebook page** and **email updates**



Mn Adult & Teen Challenge

Minnesota Adult Teen Challenge Choir had been on the church calendar for many months but due to present circumstances, they will not be performing at Maple Plain Community Church. They will be featured in a Ministry Moment as part of our Worship Service on Sunday, June 28. We continue to support and pray for this ministry.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Church Chairman would like to form a committee to review and suggest changes to the MPCC Bylaws. Any church members who are interested in serving on this committee should contact Dwight Affeldt or Margaret Florek in the church office. The first meeting will be scheduled after the committee is formed and hopefully in June.

SECTION IV. Constitution Committee

The Church Chairman will appoint a Constitution Committee whenever it is necessary to make changes to either the Constitution Articles of Incorporation or to the Constitution Bylaws. This committee will be responsible for presenting any proposed changes to the church membership for approval.

GLOBAL REQUEST: Brian & Debby Stout serving with SEND International in Macedonia

Stout's Transition update from Macedonia to prayerfully Croatia

1. Praise the Lord for a positive response to Brian's online Gospel message, as well as a new SEND Macedonia video that was recorded yesterday for SEND's website, and a potential building that the Word of Hope Church board (Pastor Pero, Slavko, Mihajlo and Igor) are praying about to purchase.

2. Last week Thursday, Debby and I had a Zoom meeting with the Baptist Union that went FANTASTIC! We were heard, loved, and prayed for, as Debby and I believe that God is really leading us towards the Seacoast of Croatia. Our next step is to take a Vision Trip to Croatia once the borders open up in Macedonia.

3. Thanks for your prayers for Joy who is in Croatia and that she is allowed to stay longer than May 28, her original Visa Stay. Please do pray for all the details with borders opening up, Joy's college CIU starting August 20, and as Corrie ten Boom said - "Don't wrestle, just nestle" - so may we too/and you learn to really nestle in Christ alone! Thanks for your prayers, encouragement and support for us friends!

GLOBAL REQUEST: Sam & Randi Edelstein serving in Mexico with Navigators

To those who pray for us:

Sam had emergency surgery for a kidney stone May 18 and is slowly improving even as he kept up his normal commitments. Life here is just beginning to return to normal. Most of our studies here remain virtual. His virtual talk to the group in Monterrey went well. Thanks for praying! We would like to pass on the prayer answers in italics! Requests are in bold letters.

1. Please pray that the young people would continue this study on Monday nights virtually and use their free time to grow spiritually with Christ. Ask that the enthusiasm, attendance and new commitment to Christ would increase as well as significant friendships. Ask that Changel and Sam would find the best way to encourage these young people in their faith. *The studies continue to lack many regular attenders but the distractions are less. We have had 2 training sessions to equip 3 young people to lead the studies in our absence until the end of July as well as Changel and Susy's possible move to Canada. Ask that they would take this commitment seriously and that this would be well received by all!*

2. Please pray God would strengthen the friendship and communication among the couples as well as a stronger commitment to Christ and that God would guide us in how to best support them.

**One husband in leadership has been struggling very seriously with porn since he was a young boy. Please pray that he would experience deep healing of his mind and heart and that he would humbly do all possible to rebuild trust with his wife who is extremely hurt and struggling with low concept. Pray the enemy to be powerless to work as our times together are often stressful with much resistance on his part. We 4 expressed offenses and forgave each other. He requested time out from meeting with us while the wife is making progress in living by faith and finding her value in Christ.*

3. Please pray that God would continue to make Sam and me into the image of Christ in all aspects of our character resulting in stronger relationships with others. *Sam is considering how to fulfill his responsibilities with a minimum of stress and I have not done well catching up on projects left too long undone this month.*

4. Pray for English translation of the gender study and Biblical convictions from the cities who are finishing this study. *The final Spanish and*

English gender studies are finished and have been sent out. 28 of the 50 who did the study were there for the final Zoom meeting with a general consensus reached.

5. Please ask God to show us which women should be in the new 2 Timothy study to begin in August or September.

6. Protection for our family and our friends here from the virus! *Juli, a young single woman with lupus, is experiencing a severe lupus attack and needs prayer for healing/remission. There is good improvement for Juli.*

7. Creativity to continue disciple-making and training of laborers in these circumstances, that there would be freedom of heart communication by screen and that we would all learn with ease to use these means! *More laborers are using various means with others.*

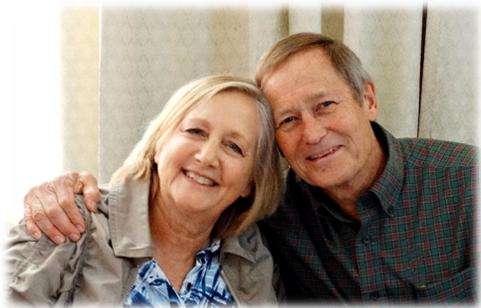
8. Evangelism would continue and the Kingdom multiplied as all of us can be salt and light by word and deed to those surrounding us! *Crash's girlfriend is growing in her knowledge and faith and is committed to reaching out. Another woman has grown a lot in her faith in this short time and is encouraging her husband to begin a John study with her friends!*

9. Sam meets weekly with a young single country leader who has not received much personal help and in his hunger to know the Word has developed many unusual doctrines outside mainstream Christianity which he is very certain of. Sam has suspended their study on Is. 40-66 temporarily and has more than a hundred pages of verse meditation, but this friend refuses to see things from another perspective. Please ask for wisdom and direction and humble open minds as they begin studying Hebrews together. *Hebrews was selected because it contains a lot on OT perspectives and the superiority of Christ. They are close to finishing Hebrews. Sam is learning to present his perspective and let the Spirit do the convincing and the other may possibly be softening on his beliefs. He has rarely studied with someone who has challenged him so much in Bible study!*

10. A Christian Bolivian family moved to León last fall to start over as the strong protests happened in Bolivia. He is a petroleum engineer and they have 3 older children. As they start the Mexican immigration process, ask that they would get the correct information and the borders would open as they need to leave Mexico to start the process and for God's economic provision for them as they seek a business visa here. Their son in Sweden needs prayer as he is in the hospital for much testing for an unknown health problem.

11. We hope to visit family and friends in Minnesota June 10-July 30. Amy and Dan's family live near the Minneapolis problems. Please pray for safety for all of us as well as encouraging times together.

Thanks for praying! Sam and Randi Edelstein



GLOBAL REQUEST:

Jonathan & Chieko Reasoner serving in Japan with SEND International

Thank you for your prayers last month. We have been safe and are doing well, and we believe the Lord is carrying out his purposes through the pandemic situation. In advance, we thank you for praying over the items below.

In the Tokyo area, the state of emergency ended on May 25. People still exercise caution in various ways, as is no doubt the case where you are as well.

Church-Related events. I was thankful for the opportunity to preach last month at the Josui church. I began what I hope will turn into a series of messages from the First Letter of Peter. Thank you for praying.

This month, we are planning to serve at various churches. In addition to the following, we might be adding a trip to Minano on June 21 to preach there as well.

June 3. Lead an online prayer meeting, Kiyose E. Free Church.

June 14. Message at morning worship, Kiyose E. Free Church.

June 28. Message at Josui Grace Christ Church.

Mr. Azukizawa. I continue to talk on the phone daily with Mr. Azukizawa, a 56-year-old man in a sort of mental hospital. At times he has shown real interest in knowing how he can be saved. At other times, he honestly admits that he cannot accept that there is only one God and only one way. He also questions why God would allow him to be in such a miserable condition and confined in a hospital during the COVID-19 crisis situation. With the lifting of restrictions, I will be visiting Mr. A on **June 4**. There may be a long road ahead yet, but please pray that the Lord will show compassion and shine his light into the heart of this needy man.

An update on various things. Chieko and I have spent a few days helping the son of the pastor at the Kiyose church, Yuki Iwai and his family, as they move out of their apartment. They are getting ready to move to Argentina for three years, where Yuki will teach at a school for Japanese children in Buenos Aires.

Chieko continues to help people in various practical ways. Today she is providing care for a woman at the Kiyose church who suddenly fell ill. Chieko is also giving advice and training to another young woman who is trying to care for her mother who suffers from pancreatic cancer.

I will move my mission work from home back to the office starting June 3. It appears that I may have more mission-related responsibilities in coming months. I will be serving as the assistant to the SEND Japan Director for one year, starting in early July. SEND has close to 60 missionaries in Japan, serving in the Kanto and the Tohoku regions.

It encourages us to know that you will be backing us up in prayer during the month of June. May you know the Lord's presence and leading in your lives at this time.

Gratefully yours,
Jonathan & Chieko

"For the righteous ... is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid ..." (Psalm 112:6-8)



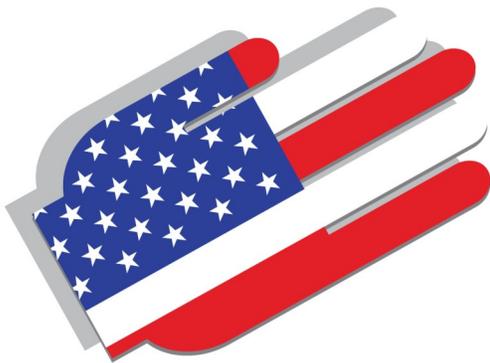


CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:30 pm in the month of June.

We ask that through this time you continue to abide by the CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19 when you come to the church. Sanitize your hands, practice social distancing and wear a mask if possible. Please stay at home if you are sick.

Thanks for your prayers and patience during this time. We ask that you continue to pray for the leaders and the people around the world. We are all looking forward to seeing you again soon!



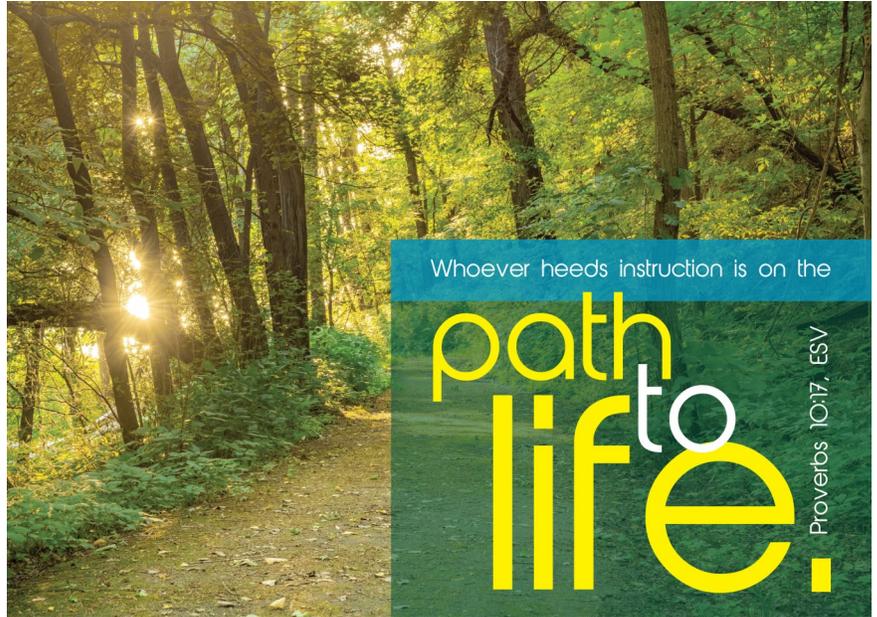
PRAY for our NATION

PRAY : GROW : GO

PRAY continuously that God's will is done in this ministry and that we all find our part.

GROW in Christ and in one another as the Lord adds to our numbers for HIS glory.

GO with the light of Christ and reach the community around you.



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it". Malachi 3:10

MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH Calendar Year Giving Report January 1, 2020 - May 31, 2020

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
Budgeted Income	\$ 166,092	\$ 47,173
Actual Income	142,003	49,588
Total Expenses	138,154	57,693
Net	\$ 3,848	\$ (8,105)

MISSIONS GIVING

Budget	\$111,500
Cash Rec'd	49,588
Remaining	61,912

REFRESH #3 As of 5/31/2020

2019 Balance	\$46,752
2020 Gifts	2,766
Refresh Goal:	95,000
Goal Remaining:	-45,482
Donations Received:	49,518
Payments Made:	-38,954
Cash Remaining:	10,564

The Trustees will distribute up to \$23,000 of church savings as a challenge match grant to complete funding for the Refresh #3 project.

MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH Online Giving

You may visit www.mpcommunitychurch.org and click on Giving tab located on the homepage to give or to create an account or scan the following QR Code:



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If you have questions or comments on MPCC's ministry, please pass them on directly to the staff or the Elder board.