

Announcements |

Realm: Realm is our new spot for communication, event registration, group connections, online giving, and more. Don't like apps? Use the web based platform at **onrealm.org** to sign up and get connected.

Coffee and Connect: Come and catch up with friends and greet neighbors every Sunday at 10:30. in front of the church

Spark After Dark – Help Us Shine! Spark After Dark (our Sunday evening ministry for children) and Ignite meet tonight from 5:00–7:00 p.m. All are invited to enjoy a simple snack supper from 5:00–5:30 p.m. You can sign up in the narthex or give online to help provide a snack supper on a future Sunday. We also need caring adults and youth to serve with Spark After Dark. If you're interested in volunteering, please write "Spark volunteer" on the back of your connect card, contact the church office, or speak with Rachel.

Sunday School: is on Spring Break until after Easter.

Considering joining Maple Avenue UMC: Easter Sunday is Celebration Sunday as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and welcome new members.

Worship assistants wanted: Please speak to Pastor Heather if you would like to participate in the worship service.

Lenten Offering: The proceeds from the offering will go towards the purchase of items to make hygiene kits for UMCOR. We will have a packing party after Easter.

Spring Fling: Volunteers are needed for this community outreach event happening Saturday March 28 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please register on Realm, contact the church office, or indicate on the back of your Connect Card your willingness to help with this fun family-friendly event. Thank you for giving of your time!

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March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE | *Here I Am To Worship, O Worship the King,
O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 332 | *Spirit of Faith, Come Down*

PASSING THE PEACE |

KID'S SERMON |

*HYMN 359 | *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed* (881)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING | John 8:2-11

Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and he began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

SERMON | *Lent: The Good News Is...Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for supporting God's mission through Maple Avenue UMC. Offerings may be placed in the plates or online via the QR code



OFFERTORY | *Women in the Night*

Words by Brian Wren, music by Charles H. Webb, arranged by Annie Cook
Patricia Jacobsen, soloist Tisa Schuurman, flautist

*DOXOLOGY |

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN 3093 | *Fill My Cup, Lord*

**Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy;
and then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry."**

**Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul; bread of heaven,
feed me 'til I wanton more – fill my cup,
fill it up and make me whole!**

**There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasures earthly things
afford; but none can match the wondrous treasure**

that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Refrain

**So, my neighbor, if the things this world gave you leave hungers that
won't pass away, my blessed Lord will come and save you,
if you kneel to him and humbly pray:**

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

By Martin Luther, arranged by Carol Tornquist

* Please stand in body or in Spirit.

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PRAYER CONCERNS |

Anson Senter, Briggs Weeks, Christine Weeks, Keith Harmeyer, Dean Greenway, Joyce Long, Gaines Law, Al & Ann Hough, Wanda Hurt, Bobby & Raenell Johnson, Adam Fike, Deborah Nelson, Alan Greene, Bob Jackson, Lance, Karla Frazier, Dana Lingerfelt, Suzanne Bradshaw, Corey Reitz, Marty Whelchel, Linda Smith, Annisha Fleetwood, Shontea Meyers, David Seger, Charlie Reinhold, Jeremy Bolt, Linda Smith, Adia May, Asher May, Zoie Vickery, Ben Vickery, Noah Varsalona, Cherokee Walker, Sandra Beasley, Becky Walker, Eugenia Calle, family of Jathan Tucker
Please share any new prayer concerns using the back of the connect card or by contacting the church.

Contemplate the woman in this image. What do you imagine is her backstory? What do you dream for her future?

