



**MOUNT
AUBURN**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT MAPC!

We aspire to practice fearless love for all people, regardless of race, economic standing, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or any other factor. A special welcome is extended to students from the University, the College Conservatory of Music, and the hospitals. You are invited to hold MAPC as your church home during your period of study here.

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us, and if they wish, to use the "Prayground" in the back of the sanctuary, where several visual and tactile activities are available to make worship more accessible to children. Parents are encouraged to talk with Pastor Lucinda about any questions regarding children's activities and accessibility at MAPC.

ABOUT OUR INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Following Christ's example of radical hospitality, we seek to use language in worship that reflects both the rich diversity of the human family and our understanding that all names for God are metaphors that capture only aspects of the fullness of God. We expand our ways of understanding God by using various pronouns and a multitude of God's many names in liturgy.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To view the Friday newsletter including announcements for the week, join our email subscription by reaching out to the office!



May 5, 2024

ONLINE GIVING



11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Tranquilly"

C. Hubert Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lucinda Isaacs

INTROIT

"Guide My Feet"

Guide My Feet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich Bitting

We call you many names:

Holy Mystery, Merciful One, Most High,
Befriend us.

Gracious Parent, Ground of All Being,
Gather us together.

Redeemer, Life Giver, Lover,
Fill us with awe.

Sustainer, Advocate, Sacred Breath,
Make our joy complete.

Among many things, you call us: Friend.

**"I do not call you servants any longer,
but I have called you friends."**

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Holy Manna

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious God,
you have given us a world of beauty,
and we have spoiled it;
a world to feed us,
and so many go hungry;
a world of riches,
and we are unwilling to share;
a world to care for,
and we think first of ourselves.
Help us to approach this world
as a gift that can be shared,
and all who live on it as beloved.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***RESPONSE #742**

“We Will Walk with God”

Sizohamba Naye

We will walk with God, my kindred; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my kindred; we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133

Rich Bitting

TIME WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Rev. Lucinda Isaacs

ANTHEM

“Live-A-Humble”
Chancel Choir

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Peter Bagley

SCRIPTURE

John 15:12-17

Rev. Lucinda Isaacs

SERMON

“I Call You Friends”

Rev. Lucinda Isaacs

***HYMN #769 v 1, 3 & 5**

“For Everyone Born”

For Everyone Born

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the United Church of Canada)**

Rich Bitting

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rich Bitting

OFFERTORY

Offertorium from "Three Mystical Moments"

Gordon Young

***RESPONSE #710**

"We Are an Offering"

Offering

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

Lord, use our voices; Lord use our hands;

Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

SERVING HYMN #70

"What Does our God Require of Us?"

Strathdee

What does our God require of us? What does our God require of us?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with our God;

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Lucinda Isaacs

***HYMN #543**

"O Christ, Surround Me"

Green Tyler

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Lucinda Isaacs

POSTLUDE

"Canzone in F Major"

Antonio Mortaro

**Rise in body and/or spirit as you are able*