



## WELCOME

- Greeting
- Announcements
- Prelude ~ *Sunny Days, Moderato*—Rick Sowash  
Lauren Falco, violin, and Doug Kalika, clarinet

## CALL TO WORSHIP

As people filled with expectation,  
**Let us look to the sky, it is opening up.**  
 As people with questions in our hearts,  
**Let us look to the sky, light is streaming through.**  
 As people looking for the Messiah,  
**Let us look to the sky, God's Spirit is with us!**  
**Let us worship God!**

+HYMN 482 ~ *Baptized by Water*

## +CONFESSION

**Creator of the universe, we are amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our thanks, but we are often distracted by doubt, preoccupied by pride, and frenzied by fear. Forgive us when we forget our blessed and holy creation, O God. You have called us by name, so may we have the courage to venture down to the river and be baptized with the waters of this earth and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Renew us with the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. Here now our silent prayers...**

- *Lord, You Are the Giver of Mercy* ~ Hymn 437
- Assurance of Forgiveness
- Response of Thanksgiving ~ *We Are Forgiven* ~ Hymn 447  
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**  
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God**
- Passing of the Peace

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Heavenly Father, we gather in your house of many praises, may the heavens above us be opened up. May we catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

This is the written testimony to the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** ~ *Down to the River to Pray* arranged by David Mennicke

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING** - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**SERMON** ~ *May My Life Be* - by Rev. Rachel VanKirk Mathews

**+HYMN 697** ~ *Take My Life* (verses 1-2, 5-6)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### STEWARDSHIP

- Call to Stewardship

Please tear out the sheet in the Friendship Pad and place it in the offering plate. Stewardship is a time to consider all our gifts. Think of how Jesus teaches us to spend the time, talents, and money with which we've been blessed. Think of how we each can use them to bring God's love to our neighborhood and to our world. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication.

- Offertory ~ *Sunny Days, Allegretto*—Rick Sowash  
Lauren Falco, violin, and Doug Kalika, clarinet
- Offertory Response ~ (Hymn 607) — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**
- Prayer of Dedication

**+HYMN 10** ~ *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

### +BENEDICTION

**+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Hymn 741- *Guide My Feet*  
(Sung first by choir, then again by congregation)

**Guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race;  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

**+ POSTLUDE** ~ *Sunny Days, Vivo*—Rick Sowash  
Lauren Falco, violin, and Doug Kalika, clarinet

# Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Maxwell Street, a church known for its diversity, inclusion and mission. This is Christ's Church and all are welcome. Bring your burdens as well as your hopes. Bring your disappointments as well as your joys. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable. Here is some information to help make you feel at home.

- LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available from the ushers.
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- Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.
- An elevator is located in the Education Building for your convenience.
- **Visitors interested in learning more** are invited to meet with a pastor or member of the Welcome Team in the Johnston Parlor after the service. We are glad you are here today.

- **Children Ministry**

**Infant to pre-K** are welcome in the Nursery following Children's Moment or anytime during the morning. Come to the Young Children's Area in the basement. Professional caregivers and church volunteers will greet you there.

**K – 5th grade** after the children's message, children can go to our Sunday School program where age- appropriate activities will be available for all children ages k-5th grade.

**Class: One Room Sunday School**  
**Curriculum: Deep Blue Connects**

**Location: Big Blue Room and Children's Library** (both rooms on Lower Level near Nursery)

All children are encouraged to be in worship with their families so they may share in hymns, scripture, prayers, and other parts of worship. There is a booklet available in the narthex, in classrooms, and the lobby with details about our Children's classes and upcoming events.

- **WIFI - Router Name: Maxwell - ORBI38**  
**Password: maxpres180**

- Accessible restrooms are on the main level and basement level. Baby changing stations are available in the basement restrooms or nursery.
- Follow us on Twitter @maxpreschurch or tag #maxpres if you want to share a thought from today's service.
- + Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

## WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Leaders

Matt Falco, Rachel Vankirk Mathews, Kaitlin DeSpain, Ted Gentry, Lauren Falco, Doug Kalika, and the Chancel Choir.

### Acolyte

Jonah Falco

### Ushers

The ushers are Tom Dixon, Tim Costich, Charing Taylor, Lynda Umfress, Brad, Hydee, Harris & Mason Hawkins.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Karen Hubbard in honor of her husband Bob.

Punch is served in the West Parlor by Kate Copley. All are invited.

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Jeff Smith, Barbara Mabry, Roy Levine, Jim Becker, Doug Stretch, Alicia Hart's dad, Carolyn Hale's mom, Diane Roy (Kenneth Frost's sister).

Bill Cooper on the death of his uncle.

## SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN

Jake Abernathie, grandson of Dorothy & Loren Tice USS Harry S. Truman.

Trevor Anderson-Cooper (AOAN Weapons Department G-3), son of Debra Anderson & Bill Cooper.

Tyler Buckley, son of Leigh Buckley.

Clayton Tyler - SOI (school of infantry) Camp Geiger in NC, brother of Jessica Tyler.

Nathan Stepp (Everett, WA) grandson of Mary Anna & Fayette Stepp.

*And all the families and loved ones of our service women and men; for all peace-keepers and peacemakers in families, communities and the world.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

**YOUTH** will eat lunch in the fellowship hall after worship and watch *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* with discussion. Pick-up will be at 1:30.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** meets after worship in the Field Room.

**N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP** meets from 6:00-7:30pm at the home of Jason and Andrea Williams to discuss the first half of *At Home with the World: Essential Teachings from a Monk's Life* by Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh.

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

10:30am Pastor's Coffee at Coffea

### TUESDAY

8:30am Sweet Blessings  
9:00am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Centering Prayer

### WEDNESDAY

8:30am Everybody's Breakfast - Jean Harper will be our speaker in the Scout Room. Come early for a doughnut and coffee for a dollar and learn more about Jean.

10:30am Kerygma  
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner  
5:45pm Children's Choirs  
6:30pm Chancel Choir  
6:30pm Kerygma  
7:30pm Westminster Bells

### THURSDAY

9:00am Canterbury Bells  
6:00pm Neighborhood Meal

**GENEXT** meets next Sunday, January 20th for a fun filled service project. Fourth and Fifth graders are invited to join us for lunch immediately after worship and participate in a service project.

**KERYGMA** - We're going to spend some time learning about the opioid epidemic: how it started, the impact it is having on our country and communities, and how we, in particular churches, can respond to this crisis that is affecting so many people. There are many good books that have come out in recent months that help us better understand the epidemic... *Dreamland*, *Dopesick*, *The Big Fix*. We'll talk about some of these books and what we can take away from them. Over the course of the class we will have a visit from Dr. Sharon Walsh, Director of the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research at the University of Kentucky and hear from someone involved in one of the various 12-step programs happening at Maxwell Street.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** When you use your Kroger card at Kroger stores and gas stations, you can attach it to certain non profits which then receive a percentage rebate. MSPC has signed up for this program, and this year we received \$2,624 which is designated for mission work (hunger and emergency assistance). To allow MSPC to benefit, you can sign up online or go to the service desk. Our agency number is VK950. This is an easy way to help MSPC in its mission work.

**BLANKETS NEEDED** - MSPC has a goal of collecting 200 blankets during the month of January. Gently used blankets, new blankets will ALL be appreciated. As blankets are collected, they will be delivered to the Catholic Action Center to provide warmth to those who gather there seeking shelter from the cold. The collection box is in the church lobby.

**DUTCH** - Out to lunch bunch! Join us this month as we go to Joe Bolonga's on Sunday, January 27 after worship. Everyone is welcome!

**FLOWER & PUNCH CALENDARS FOR 2019** are up on the bulletin boards. This is a great way to get involved at Maxwell Street. Serve punch and enjoy fellowship! Sponsor flowers for special occasions, in memory of someone or simply to celebrate. See the calendars for open dates.

**JAZZ VESPERS SERVICE** - On January 20th, we'll remember and celebrate the ministry and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special worship service that will include some of his writings and prayers. We're excited to welcome back the Honey Creek Stompers, a New Orleans style Jazz band that is sure to help us feel God's spirit at work in the African American tradition.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** - In January, Theology on Tap will meet at Blue Stallion on January 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, from 7-9 pm. We will host a Mission Monday for the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic where 10% of Blue Stallion's proceeds will go towards the legal clinic. All are welcome to come, share a drink for the legal clinic, and help to host a fundraising and educational night about all the good the clinic does! Email Rachel at [rachel@maxpres.org](mailto:rachel@maxpres.org)

**MEALS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS** - Would be willing to cook a Tuesday night dinner weekly, monthly, or even just once a semester for the college students? Providing a weekly meal is an important aspect of ministry to our college students. Jesus fed people over and over again because he believed it was equally as important for us to feed others and for us to gather around meal time together. We need help feeding the college students. It is only a group of 10 at the maximum, and a home-made dinner means a lot to students under stress and away from home. Please email Rachel ([Rachel@maxpres.org](mailto:Rachel@maxpres.org)) if you can help. Thank you!

**MAXWELL IN MOTION** articles for February are due tomorrow, January 14. If you have articles or thank you notes that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please email them to Marianne Russell - [marianne@maxpres.org](mailto:marianne@maxpres.org)

### YOUTH GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

The deadline for the Guatemala deposit (\$100) has been extended until February 28, 2019. This is an important deadline for the trip, we need to confirm our seats with the airline in March! Please reserve your/your youth's spot on the Guatemala trip by turning in a deposit to the church office by the extended deadline (and please make sure you are working on getting your passport). Thank you!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - SUNDAY, FEB 3** - Our youth will have soup bowls and be standing at the doors after worship to accept your donation of \$1 or more to help feed the hungry in our community. The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities at the time of the Big Game to help those in need. Last year the youth in churches across America crossed the \$10 Million Dollar Mark! 100% of the funds stay local! it's the best thing to happen on Super Bowl Sunday!

### BURNAMWOOD SENIOR HIGH SPIRIT WALK

Fri-Sun, Feb 8-10 - \$100  
Early Bird discount of \$10 off, register for the HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT WALK by January 15th! Register online at [www.burnamwood.net](http://www.burnamwood.net)

**VALENTINE'S DAY WORKSHOP** - On February 10 the children will create cards and other crafts. After worship, we will enjoy a lunch, have a Valentine's Day craft party and then take some of our creations to Ashland Terrace. The residents there are looking forward to our annual visit.

**THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK** can be found at the end of each pew. Please take the time to fill in your name, address, and phone. On the space at the end of the line, please be sure to sign up for any of the following, using more than one line if needed.

1. Everybody's Breakfast - January 16
2. GeNext - January 20
3. Theology on Tap - January 21
4. Dutch - January 27
5. Valentine's Day Workshop - February 10