

**SERVICE OF RE-DEDICATION  
MAPLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Call to Commitment (people standing)**

**Minister:** Friends of Jesus Christ, we are a Christ centered Church! What has God called us to be?

**People:** *We are a community of Christ's servants, a home for God's people, to be a beacon of light to the world. We are called to be a reconciling community in Christ, one that proclaims the good news of salvation, celebrates God's healing grace, nurtures the growth and gifts of God's people, and restores the joy of God's reign.*

**Minister:** As members of this community of Maplewood, let us rededicate ourselves and this building to Christ's service.

**Dedication to Worship**

**Leader:** As children of God, we desire to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. Toward that end,

**People:** *We dedicate this place to you, O God.*

**Leader:** We dedicate this building for word and water, bread and cup, the signs and symbols of God's grace that nurture and build us as God's people.

**People:** *We give you thanks, O God.*

**Leader:** For the preaching of the Word, for faithful teaching, for the breaking of bread, to be a house of prayer,

**People:** *We dedicate this place to you, O God.*

**Leader:** That through worship in spirit and in truth we may become the living temples of your presence. For these purposes:

**People:** *We dedicate ourselves and this place to you, O God.*

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## **Dedication to Fellowship**

Leader: As children of your light, O God, we desire to be the fellowship of believers, where the burdened and suffering will find support and comfort, where the alienated will be accepted. For the fellowship of all believers,

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: For fashioning us into a fellowship of Christ Jesus, where his love will span the whole of our lives, and spread to all the earth:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: For caring households and faithful friends, for unexpected kindness and helpful comfort:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: For potluck dinners, after-worship fellowships, for church meetings and picnics, for Festivals and outings; for every opportunity to share our lives with each other and build up the body of Christ:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: And, so that we may be refreshed by one another's presence and equipped to love our neighbors as ourselves:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: That all who seek you may find you, and all who are called by you into this fellowship may find support and strength:

***People: We thank you Lord, and dedicate this place to you!***

## **Dedication to Education**

Leader: As disciples of Christ, we desire to prepare God's people for service, to nurture and equip God's people in the knowledge, faith and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. For these purposes,

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: For the skills to teach and the passion to learn, for creativity and curiosity, for every healthy habit of heart and mind that build us up into a holy temple of your Holy Spirit,

***People: We ask your blessing, and dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: That we may know the mind of Christ and learn to walk more fully in the light of your word:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: That we may see with the eyes of Christ and learn to give thanks more freely for your great love. That through our nurture and example our children's children may be drawn to praise and serve you in this place:

***People: We give you thanks and dedicate this place to you, O God.***

## **Dedication to Mission**

Leader : As ministers of Jesus Christ, we desire to present him to our neighbors and world. Through our prayers and in our actions we seek to make known Christ's abundant life, his righteousness and peace for a broken world. For your purposes, Lord:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: For every hungry neighbor fed and every homeless neighbor sheltered, every injured neighbor healed and every captive neighbor freed; for every burden lifted and every fear dispelled:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

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Leader: That each of us may find new ways of service, so that the light of God's love may shine more brightly on those around us:

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: That we may weep with those who weep, lift up those who fall, and cry out for your righteousness for those who suffer wrong,

***People: We dedicate this place to you, O God.***

Leader: That we may be filled with holy expectation for the final dawning of your Kingdom, that those who sow tears will reap with shouts of joy. That those who go out weeping, will come into your presence singing your praises.

For all these things, looking with hope to Jesus Christ, and that day when we will sing to Him a new song,

***People: We re-dedicate ourselves and this place to you, O God...in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen!***

**\*HYMN**

**"Earth and All Stars"**

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