

First Service of the Resurrection



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2014
6:00 a.m.

THE FIRST SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION

The Fire is kindled at the foot of the cross 5:45 am; building is in darkness.

The Service of Light

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, who made this most holy morning to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The paschal and congregants' candles are lit. Processional begins.

Pastor raises Paschal candle saying:

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our light.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Chapel candles are lit, lights turned on, the empty cross is revealed, processional candles extinguished.

HYMN #303

“The Day of Resurrection”

The Service of the Word

First Scripture Lesson, Psalter # 839

Psalm 118:14-24

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #100, verses 1, 2, 4, 5

“God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us”

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 16: 1-8

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please be seated.

Anthem

“Hallelujah! Resurrection Morning!”

Sermon

Pastor Calvin Culpepper

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

“Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us)” ~ *Walther*

Please rise as you are able.

Doxology # 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Pastor: As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

***People:* I turn to Christ.**

Pastor: Do you repent of your sins?

***People:* I repent of my sins.**

Pastor: Do you renounce evil?

***People:* I renounce evil.**

Pastor: And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God, who made the world?

***People:* I believe and trust in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ?

***People:* I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

***People:* This is the faith of the Church.**

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Bless this water as a reminder and affirmation of our baptism. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***People:* Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pastor: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,

“Peace be with you!” Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

***All:* And also with you. Alleluia!**

**The Lord is risen.
He is risen indeed.**

Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN #638, verses 3, 4, 5

“This is the Feast of Victory”

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in our image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

***All sing:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from
slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been
born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread...

And so, in remembrance of your mighty deeds in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All sing: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other and one in ministry to all the world.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All sing: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray,

All: 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.

Pastor: Come, eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

On your way to receiving the Holy Eucharist, you are invited to affirm your baptism by dipping your hand in the water in the baptismal font, making the sign of the cross, as a symbol of the ultimate expression of Christ's love for the world. Then come to the Supper with thanksgiving in your heart.

Communion Meditation

“O Savior of the World”

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth #318, verses 1, 2, 3, 5

“Christ Is Alive”

Benediction

Postlude

“Fanfare” ~ *Lemmens*



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

News for all 5th - 12th graders! ! We do **not** meet today--Happy Easter! Join us next Sunday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for a “Trasher” Hunt; no cost, lunch provided. Questions? See Ana or call her: 773.750.5353.

Our Youth have decided to attend the “Robin Hood” camp at Reynoldswood. The cost is \$369, much of which will be offset by fundraising. The dates for this camp are July 20 – 25 (Sunday – Friday). Please see Ana with any questions.

“Quarter-a-Dip” is back! Please bring a dish to share on **Sunday, May 4**, to help raise money for summer camp (see above announcement).

Church Building is closed Monday, April 21.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - April 23 -- only 3 weeks left for this season!

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- Ministry in the Dining Room - *“God’s Gift of Life” Study continues*
- Kids’ Choir in the Choir Room - ages 4-13
- Rev. Rhoads’ class in the Library - Adults
- Mats for the Homeless in Room 4 across from the Dining Room

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

- Dinner by Diane-Dining Room \$2.50/person; \$10 max/family



Young Adults ~ Please join Ana for a Potluck/Planning Session on Sat., April 26, starting at 6 pm in the Youth Lounge. Bring an open mind, an empty stomach, and a side dish to pass.

To all the new and seasoned volunteers of our Garden Bazaar...We need people on Thursday, May 1, in the morning to help sort and organize pre-orders. On Friday, May 2, we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-3, and take down at 3 pm. On Saturday, May 3, we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1 pm. Please contact Perky (815-654-2956) or Karen (815-877-0045) if you can help.

If you wish to donate baked goods to our Garden Bazaar Bake Sale, be sure to pick up boxes next Sunday, April 27, in the Narthex or in the Church Office during the week. **Please drop off your contribution Thursday, May 1, in the morning at the church.**

CSUMC Book Club meets Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to discuss “Persuasion” by Jane Austin. We will meet at Lorna Wakefield’s, 4347 Applewood Lane, Loves Park.

Join in the Great American Cleanup Saturday, April 26, through Jeremiah Development. Jeremiah will start at 9 am and clean the neighborhood around our church.

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Today Easter Sunday

04/20 6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Chapel
8:50 Sunday School in the Youth Center
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary

Mon 04/21 Church is Closed

Tue 04/22 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 Quilters in Room 206
9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
9:00 "Busy Bag Ladies" in Room 205
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
2:00 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
5:30 The Painting Table in the Youth Center
6:15 Knitting Group at 4250 Ahlstrand Ave.
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205

Wed 04/23 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
5:30 Holy COW! -- see announcements
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor

Thu 04/24 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library
4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

Fri 04/25 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
10:00 Image Class in the Library

Sat 04/26 6:00 pm Young Adults: Potluck & Plan in Youth Center

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Easter

04/27 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
11:30 Adult & Family Ministries in Room 109
11:30 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East
11:30 Youth Group: "Trasher" Hunt
11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library
2:00 pm JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
4:00 CSUMC Book Club at 4347 Applewood Ln, LP

*Please join us as we continue celebrating Christ's Resurrection
in the Sanctuary today*

10:00 Easter Celebration

Organ
Brass Quartet
Chancel Choir
JuBellation
Kids' Choir



MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation
Calvin Culpepper
Ana Kelsey-Powell
Julia Schade Armstrong
Ryenne Ludington
Diane Lutmer
Verlette Gorman
Lorelle Wandell
Michael Smith
Steven Rogers

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