

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.  
If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave  
information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude - Council Choraleers, directed by Dorothy Paige-Turner

Welcome & Sign Attendance Pad

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Are you hungry?

**People: Come and worship.**

*Leader:* Are you thirsty?

**People: Come and worship.**

**ALL: Let us, taste and see that the Lord is good!**

### § Opening Hymn #340 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Sharing of Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of the People

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson Psalm 34:1-8

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (FWS) #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message Rev. Richard Wang

Hymn (FWS) #2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

*Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Ms. Joy & Mr. Bailey;  
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.*

Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:1-10

*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Anthem “Every Praise”

Chancel Choir, directed by Justin Djuane Francis

Sermon Series: Come to Your Senses

“Craving a Taste for God” Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of your hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “The Anthem”

Chancel Choir, directed by Justin Djuane Francis

Doxology (FWS) #2006

“Lord God, Almighty”

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.*

*The communion bread served is gluten-free*

*so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Hymn (FWS) #2267

“Taste and See”

*Choir will sing the verses and the Congregation will join  
them singing this refrain.*

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth #559 (sung to tune REGENT SQUARE) “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

### § Benediction

As we prepare to be sent into the world, let us remember that God does not promise us an easy road. But God is with us. God does not provide us with all that we desire. But God provides our daily bread. God does not promise us a trouble-free life. But God provides eternal life through Jesus Christ, who goes with us, as we serve the world in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

Postlude

### Quarter-a-Dip Lunch in Dining Room on the Lower Level

**We thank Justin Djuane Francis and Sam Campbell  
for sharing their musical gifts with us today.**

**We thank Rev. Miriam Castro-Rodriguez  
for assisting with communion today.**

*Justin Djuane Francis* is a song writer, singer, and praise & worship leader who has written and recorded his music for and with gospel heavyweights such as Joshua’s Troop, Virtue, Darwin Hobbs, Earnest Pugh, Lowell Pye, and many more. Justin has also launched community events and spearheaded the continuance of the “I Love Gospel Music” Convention, Causing Chaos, and a musical showcase here in Rockford. Currently, Justin serves as Minister of Music for Freedom Church of Rockford, and continues to give his all to God, and God alone, through ministry. We are pleased to have worked with Justin in rehearsal this week and thank him for his time and sharing his gifts.



*Altar Flowers are given...*  
...in memory of Florence Pierce  
by Scott & Melvin Schallberg.



**We welcome you, member or visitor**, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

**Native American Offering** ~ Your generous gift to this special offering today will support scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology, Native American ministries within the annual conference, and expansion of the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative.

**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 or call her: 773.750.5353.

**“Quarter-a-Dip” is back!** Please help raise money for summer camp (see above announcement) by attending our Quarter-a-Dip lunch in the Dining Room immediately following worship today. **Pay only a quarter for each spoonful you take! Everyone is welcome! Youth: Please check in with Ana to help with this fundraiser for your camp(s).** Also, please note there will be no Youth Group next Sunday.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - May 7 - Last One!!**

**5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

• Ministry

*Becoming Willing & Able to Change - Parlor*

*“God’s Gift of Life” Study - Dining Room*

• Kids’ Choir in the Choir Room - ages 4-13

Kids’ Choir will have their party Wednesday, May 14

• 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

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

• Praise Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Next Sunday, May 11, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

**Court Street Puppeteers and friends grades 1-6 are invited to attend a special Puppet Workshop on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.** Come for fun, food, and practice, and return on Sunday, May 18, for 10 a.m. worship as we demonstrate what we have learned.

United Methodist **Youth** from all across the conference will gather on **Sunday, June 8**, at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles for worship and fellowship. There is a **\$15 fee** which covers lunch, dinner, speakers, a worship-oriented art project, and an event t-shirt. Scholarships are available. **RSVP by Sunday, May 18.** Questions? See Ana!

The newly-formed **Service Committee** will meet Wednesday, May 7, in Room 109 at 5:15 pm. Any who would like to join are welcome!



TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Jan Mace                      **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team      **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

**Today 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**05/04** 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 Quarter-a-Dip Lunch in the Dining Room**

**Mon 05/05** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
5:00 Endowment Committee in the Parlor  
6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205  
6:30 Search Committee in the Church Office

**Tue 05/06** 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  
10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205

**Wed 05/07** 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  
10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209  
4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym  
**5:15 Service Committee in Room 109**  
**5:30 Holy COW! -- see announcements**  
7:00 Men's Fellowship in the Parlor

**Thu 05/08** 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  
6:00 Chatterbox at Applebee's, 1675 E. Riverside

**Fri 05/09** 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 05/10 8:30 am UMM Breakfast at Stockholm Inn**  
**Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

**05/11** 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 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
11:45 THE STORY Study in the Library

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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**Communion Special offering** - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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**WELCOME!**

May 4, 2014

*We're glad you're worshiping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.*

- I'm a visitor.*
- Please note my address change.*

Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.

How did you hear about Court Street? \_\_\_\_\_

Children:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.  
Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

~ Psalm 119:103 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*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.

*3rd Sunday of Easter  
May 4, 2014*