

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*

Welcome & Sign Attendance Pad

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* All you looking for comfort,

**People: Find here the arms of a loving God.**

*Leader:* All you looking for direction,

**People: Find here the hand of God to guide you.**

*Leader:* All you hoping to end loneliness,

**People: Find here the embrace of God and new friends.**

*Leader:* All you searching for meaning,

**People: Find here the Lord of the Life  
and the Revealer of Truth.**

*Leader:* All you seeking happiness,

**All: Find here the deep joy of the Risen Christ  
and the lasting peace of forgiveness.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #479 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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

Children’s Message *Nate Merchant*

Hymn FWS #2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Anthem - Chancel Choir

“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”

Psalter UMH #844, response 2 Psalm 121

§ Scripture Lesson John 3:14-17

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
according to John.

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

Sermon Series #2: U2 - “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #292, verses 1, 3, 4

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98 “To God Be the Glory”

§ Benediction

From the days of Moses in the wilderness, to Jesus’ final walk through Jerusalem, to our postmodern lives today, God’s desire for us has been and remains the same: that we might respond to the grace and love of God in faith. Go, therefore, this week to live out the love that Christ demonstrated for us in his life and death. *Amen.*

Postlude

*Fellowship Time in the Narthex*



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

Christian Education Committee meets after worship today in the Parlor.

CSUMC Book Club meets today at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to come & discuss “The Warmth of Other Suns” by Isabel Wilkerson at Diane Risley’s home, 4850 Black Oak Trail.

Youth Group meets tonight, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Youth Center.

“Beyond the Broken Heart” resumes tomorrow, September 22, 7 p.m., at Nate & Kc Merchant’s home, 2303 Canary Drive. Even if you did not attend the 1st session, you are welcome to come and join us.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - September 24**

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

- Ministry in the Dining Room - small group study
- 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 in the Dining Room \$3/person; \$10 max/family

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

- Men’s Fellowship Group in the Parlor
- Praise Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

If you have a child in K-8th grade that needs help with schoolwork, please sign up for the free tutoring offered here beginning Tuesday, September 30, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Nuture and Outreach Committee, along with Winnebago County Health Department, is sponsoring a flu shot clinic to be held on Sunday, October 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., in the Parlor. In addition to the regular vaccine, the high dose vaccine will be available for seniors over age 65. Pneumonia shots will also be available. Bring your Medicare and/or insurance cards and prepare for a healthy winter. Cash and checks are accepted if you need to pay for the shot(s).

Rockford District Fall Lay Academy is October 18 & 19 at Aldersgate UMC, 4055 N. Rockton. See the bulletin board for more information.

Parents, please call the church office (815-962-6061) if you have a child 6th grade or older who has not been through Confirmation.

Plan to attend the History Mystery event on Friday, October 24, 2014. More information coming in the October Chimes our newsletter. Do you know who designed our beautiful church when it was moved to 215 N. Court Street? Find out at the event!

Mark your calendar to attend a Spaghetti Dinner on October 26 immediately following worship in the Dining Room. It is a donation based meal – funds raised will help send kids to camp, help fund our after-school program, and help pay for youth activities.

*Please note the calendar on the reverse side for more events.*

*Altar Flowers are given...*

...in memory of the beloved Les Thomas’ birthday, September 20,  
by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Fund.



Please join us for “A Fireside Christmas 2014,” Saturday, November 22. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m., dine at 11:15 a.m., see the matinee at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$62.95 per person. Please call Jan Marlow (815-877-6864) with any questions.

