

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

Ringling of the Bell

Choral Introit - Chancel Choir "I Will Trust in the Lord"

Welcome & Sign the Attendance Pad

### § Call to Worship

Leader: As we come to worship,  
let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

People: **And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.**

Leader: As we come to worship,  
let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

People: **And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.**

Leader: As we come to worship,  
let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

People: **And open our hearts to the possibility  
of giving beyond our typical gift.**

All: **As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds,  
and our hearts to what can be instead of what is. For all  
of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in  
praise!**

§ Opening Hymn - on the screens "Amazing Grace"

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Childrens' Message Nate Merchant

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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 and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Joshua 23:14-16, 24:14-15

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem - Chancel Choir "They That Wait Upon the Lord"

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

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

Sermon Series: "Break on through..."

...to fulfill God's will and experience freedom on the other side"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - Praise Band "Awesome in This Place"

§ Doxology UMH #94  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #200 "Tell Out, My Soul"

§ Benediction

May you go into the world from this place, renewed in your  
faith and filled with hope to share God's gift of love as it has  
been so graciously shared with you. Amen.

Postlude - Praise Band "The Power of Your Love"

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of Trafari, Fred's organ donor,  
by Fred & Judy Mehren.

Christian Education Team meets today, 11:30 a.m., Room 209.

RSVP to Nate TODAY if you're going to the Faith & Family Night  
@ Janesville Jets Jr Hockey, Sunday, Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.(?)  
Need 10 people to get \$5 tickets.

It's not too early to start buying Scrip for Christmas gifts and to help  
supply our Emergency Scrip cards for those in need. Stop by Jan's  
table in the narthex or the church office to see the complete offering of  
Scrip cards--our order form is only a portion of those available. And  
the cards are good nation-wide! **Deadline for ordering for Christmas  
is Dec. 14; they will be returned to you Dec. 21.**

Turn in your order & money for red poinsettias for Christmas by  
Monday, November 24. Pick up on Sunday, December 7, 9am-Noon,  
on the Lower Level. See your November newsletter, The Chimes, or  
find a form in the Narthex.

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



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

Our Parish Nurse, Teresa Field, will be doing a blood  
pressure check, for anyone who is interested, in the Nar-  
thex immediately after worship service today.

Check out our Advent Study book, "Advent Conspiracy," in the  
Narthex. Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of  
Christmas? This year, take a stand! Find out how by joining us in this  
study. Only \$9 for the book, we will begin Nov. 19th, 5:30 p.m., and  
continue Dec. 3, 10, & 17. Read Chapters 1 & 3 for the 1st session.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed  
for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 50 children.  
Many of these children live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts  
for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison.  
Family members of the children will be contacted to determine needs.  
Each child will receive 2 gifts, one a toy and one a clothing item. You can  
help us by: 1) Volunteering to distribute "angels" following any worship  
service. 2) Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each). **Do not buy  
any gifts until you receive your angel.** 3) Making a cash donation or a  
check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree  
Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321 Camp  
Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shopping for gifts. 5) Organizing and de-  
livering gifts between December 21st and December 24th. 6) Praying for  
the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for the  
Angel Tree representative following today's service in the Narthex. For  
questions, contact Barb or Gene at (815) 965-6518.

Reminder for those of you who reserved your spot: Family Bowling @  
Don Carter Lanes today, 3-4 pm, \$3 for shoes.

CSUMC Book Club will meet today, 4:00 p.m., at Lorna's (4347 Apple-  
wood Ln., Loves Park) to discuss Alice Munro's book of short stories  
titled "Dear Life." Also please bring ideas for books to read for 2015.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - November 19  
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

• Ministry: "Advent Conspiracy"-Dining Room

If you don't have a book, you can get one when you come; only \$9.

• 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

• Prayer Service in the Chapel in the spirit of Taizé

The UMW Brunch, Bakery, Bazaar and Evergreen Sale will be on Dec.  
7th this year. If you are interested in having a table to sell your items,  
please call and leave a message with your name and phone number. Geri  
Ryan, (815) 877-2141.



