

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 in D Major

~ Johann Erasmus Kindermann

Choral Introit - Chancel Choir

“We Walk By Faith”

### § Call to Worship

*Call:* God has set his rainbow in the skies, as a reminder of his steadfast love.

**Response: God’s love endures forever.**

*Call:* God has promised to measure his justice with his grace.

**Response: Grant us grace to believe in your goodness.**

*Call:* The Lord spoke, the earth shook and the skies were ripped open.

**Response: Grant us faith to trust you, even in your anger.**

*Call:* The Lord is King. The Lord is Judge. The Lord is good.

**Response: God’s faithful love endures forever.**

*Call:* Come, let us worship the Lord!

**Response: God’s faithful love endures forever.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response UMH #374

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymn FWS #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message

Nate Merchant

Hymn FWS #2072, refrain

“Amen, Amen”

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

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

Sermon Series - Walking by Faith

#1 “A Deal with Noah”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “There is a Balm in Gilead” *Randiann King, solo*

§ **Doxology #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #269, verses 1, 2, 3**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

§ **Benediction**

Remember you are a people of faith, surrounded always by the love and grace of a patient God. Go therefore from this place, renewed in your faith that you might bring hope to a troubled world, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude

Overture in G Minor ~ James Marck (2014)

### Fellowship Time in the Narthex

**Today’s Seder Plate Item: Lettuce --- Jake Voigt, bearer**

Lettuce symbolizes the bitter slavery in Egypt, but people are called to look at their own bitter enslavements, whether addiction or habit.



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!

**Be sure to pick up the Lent & Easter brochure in the Narthex if you don’t already have one so you can join in all of the events at Court Street UMC.**

**Parents of CSUMC Kids and Youth....**Please take five minutes to fill out the survey at: <http://goo.gl/forms/1TSIoIMQtU>. Any parents/guardians that fill out this survey will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card. You can also triple your chances of winning - just read the description for more information. Entries can be submitted up until 2/24. *Nate*

**Youth Group meets today, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., in the Youth Center!** Come and have some fun with Nate & Diane.

**Don’t forget -- SPRC meets Monday, Feb. 23, 5:00 pm, in 209.**

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - February 25 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**



• Ministry in the Dining Room

*Join in the small group study of “Bread & Broth” by Cynthia E. Cowen where we will reflect on how and why Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Elisha, John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ are important to our understanding of Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome! If you wish to purchase a book, it is available in the church office for only \$10.*

• 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

**Reserve Sunday, March 1 ~ Come and experience Rich Rubietta during our 10 am worship service!** A graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, with a BA in Music, and a graduate of Trinity Divinity School, Deerfield, with a Masters in Divinity, he is a Worship Leader, Composer and Producer who uses Guitar, Sequencer (keyboard) and acoustic instruments to lead worship. Rich Rubietta is a modern day Circuit Rider, our resident Conference Evangelist commissioned first by the 1999 Annual Conference. Appointed to Abounding Ministries, Rich criss-crosses Northern Illinois each week introducing creative ways to use music in worship, leading workshops, Youth events, Camps and Retreats. He is a “Musician-ary”, helping congregations redevelop and rediscover their voice in worship. *Abounding Ministries is part of the Rainbow Covenant and its mission is to help persons experience the life-changing love of God in Christ, thru Music, Writing, Speaking and Retreats.*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Larry & Annette Gillette      **Liturgist:** Kathy Welk  
**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team      **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

**Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent**

**02/22** 9:00 am Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**11:15** **Children's Choir in the Choir Room**  
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
**3:00 pm** **Youth Group in the Youth Center**

**Mon 02/23** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 5:00 pm **SPRC in Room 209**

**Tue 02/24** 8:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Quilters in Room 206  
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201  
 9:00 "Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205  
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
 4:00 pm Tutoring for K-8 on 2nd Floor  
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
**6:00** **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**  
**6:15** **Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**  
**7:00** **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room**  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

**Wed 02/25** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor  
**12:00 pm** **Noon Worship in the Chapel**  
**12:30** **Lunch in the Dining Room**  
**5:30** **Holy COW! - see announcements**

**Thu 02/26** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**1:00 pm** **Chimes stuffing in the Library**  
**4:00** **Tutoring for K-8 on 2nd Floor to resume**  
**7:00** **Praise Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary**

**Fri 02/27** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 02/28**

**Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent**

**03/01** 9:00 am Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery  
**10:00** **Worship in the Sanctuary with Rich Rubietta**  
**11:15** **Children's Choir in the Choir Room**  
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex  
 2:00 pm JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation      *Ministers*  
 Calvin Culpepper      *Pastor*  
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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!**      February 22, 2015  
*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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



*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.

*1st Sunday in Lent  
 February 22, 2015*