

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 "Prelude in E flat major" ~ Orlando di Lasso

Choral Introit "We Walk by Faith"

### § Call to Worship --Based on Psalm 19

*Leader:* The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

*People:* We gather together  
to sing our praise to God's glory.

*Leader:* The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

*People:* We gather with open hearts and souls,  
to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.

*Leader:* The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

*People:* The ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

*All:* O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our  
mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to  
you, our rock and our redeemer. To you we lift our voices  
in praise!

### § Opening Hymn UMH #206, verses 1, 3

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

*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 *Nate Merchant*

Hymn FWS #2072, refrain "Amen, Amen"

Second Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 1:18-25

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

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon Series: Walking by Faith

#3 God's Words Breathe Life

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

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

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"O Lord Most Holy" ~ Cesar Franck

*Sydney Hover, soloist*

### § Doxology #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.*

The communion bread served is gluten-free  
so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Hymn UMH #620 "One Bread, One Body"

Communion Anthem "Ave Verum Corpus" ~ W.A. Mozart

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #670 "Go Forth for God"

§ Benediction

God our rock, Christ our friend, and Spirit our companion go  
with you as you leave this place to hold you in steadfast love  
through whatever temptations and trials lie ahead. *Amen.*

Postlude "Alla Marcia" ~ Henry Coleman

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Today's Seder Plate Item: Charoset

Carter Anderson, bearer

Charoset, or haroset, is a mixture of apples, nuts, and cinnamon representing bricks and mortar that were used by the Israelites to build temples in Egypt.

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



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of Alexander Rhoads

by Ray & Margaret Rhoads.

Heartbeat, the Israeli-Palestinian youth music community, bring their powerful sound and messages to Rockford University's Maddox Theatre on Saturday, March 14, 7 pm, in an effort to end violence and promote equality. The ensemble of accomplished Arab and Jewish youth artists (ages 18-24) share their music and personal stories of growing up amidst the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, highlighting their creative effort to build positive social change from the ground up. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Heartbeat's ongoing music-based dialogue and youth empowerment programs, and also go towards local community efforts in Rockford to train youth peacebuilders, promoting leadership and social equality.



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!

Youth Group meets every Sunday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Youth Center. You won't want to miss out on anything so plan on coming this afternoon.

Worship Committee meets Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m, Library.

Trustee Committee meets Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., Library.

All are invited for a 30 minute worship service on Wednesday, March 11th, at noon in the Chapel as we take a breather for meditation and introspection during this season of Lent. It will then be followed at 12:30 with a luncheon in the dining room for a free-will donation. The luncheon will feature a soup that is referenced in the noon service to further connect what we read & hear with what we taste & see. Both worship & lunch will occur every Wednesday during Lent.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - March 11  
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

Chatterbox Supper Group meets Thursday, March 12, 6:00 p.m., at Gene's Place, 4412 Manchester Dr. All ladies are welcome!

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

All adults are welcome to meet in the Parlor for Adult Sunday School next Sunday, March 15, from 8:45 am - 9:45 am, and coffee will be ready for you. It's a bring-your-own-mug to try to be "green."

We currently have three people helping with Children's church - they're all assigned different Sundays each month according to what week it is. We just need one person who can help out when we have a 5th Sunday in a month. You would help the kids enjoy worship, assist the kids with acolyting in children's church, and assist taking kids to use the bathroom when needed. The Christian Ed Committee is looking to fill this spot and any interested people can contact Diane Lutmer or Nate Merchant.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Sue Cram                      **Liturgist:** James Crow  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team      **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley              **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

**Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**03/08**      8:45 am    Adult Sunday School in the Parlor  
              9:00      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 03/09**    8:00 am    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
              **6:00 pm**    **Worship Committee in the Library**

**Tue 03/10**    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  
              **5:30 pm**    **Trustees in the Library**  
              **6:00**      **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**  
              **7:00**      **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room**  
              7:00      Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

**Wed 03/11**    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**  
              **6:30**      **Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal**

**Thu 03/12**    8:00 am    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
              9:30      Early Head Start in Room 100  
              6:00 pm    Chatter Box Supper @ 4412 Manchester Dr.  
              **6:00**      **Praise Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary**

**Fri 03/13**    8:00 am    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
              10:00      Early Head Start in Room 100  
              10:30      Image Class in the Library  
              1:30 pm    Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 03/14**    **8:30 am**    **UMM breakfast @ 2420 Charles St.**

**Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent - Chimes DEADLINE**  
**03/15**      8:45 am    Adult Sunday School in the Parlor  
              9:15      Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex  
              9:00      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  
              11:15      Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex  
              11:30      Christian Ed Committee in Youth Lounge  
              **3:00 pm**    **Youth Group in the Youth Center**  
              **4:00**      **CSUMC Book Club**

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

The Congregation              *Ministers*  
Calvin Culpepper              *Pastor*  
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Steven Rogers                  *Custodian*

**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!**                      March 8, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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



*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 in Lent*  
*March 8, 2015*