

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

Choral Introit "We Walk by Faith"

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, we have gathered here in your Spirit,

People: With hearts hungry from our Lenten journey.

Leader: In the midst of our wilderness travels,
we yearn for holy refreshment,

People: Through your loving and healing Spirit.

Leader: We yearn now in our time together to experience you,

People: In fresh, new and abundant ways.

Leader: Prepare us now for this time of worship,

People: And may the power and promise
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #400

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

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 Hebrews 5:5-10

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon Series: Walking by Faith

#5 A New Covenant on Our Hearts *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response - Chancel Choir "All I Give to Jesus"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Aria from Cantata No. 21" ~ J.S. Bach

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #168 "At the Name of Jesus"

§ Benediction

God has set before us a new opportunity, a new day, a new possibility, a new covenant. Go now as children of promise to live in the light of a new day. Bring others into this light and take this light to others, offering to them the hope of the Good News of Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

Postlude "Elegy" ~ Harold Darke

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Today's Seder Plate Item: Onion

An onion, dipped into salt water during the meal, represents salty tears shed during the Jews' enslavement.



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of Helen Whelpley
by Beth Whelpley.

Fill Easter baskets with their favorite gift cards from Scrip and support the church while you're at it. When you purchase gift cards through the Scrip program, a percentage is returned to the church while you get full value of the gift card. Over 100 vendors are offered through this program. See Jan Marlow in the Narthex or come to the church office during the week. Deadline for ordering to receive in time for Easter: TODAY.

Next Sunday, March 29th, we will be taking a special offering to support United Voices for Children, an agency that speaks and acts on behalf of all children and youth in the Northern Illinois conference and generates financial support for ChildServ, Methodist Youth Services and Rosecrance. Please make your check out to Court Street UMC with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line.

Turn in Garden Bazaar orders & payment by April 12.



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!

Today we will take a special offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover costs of doing business. UMCOR is not subsidized by the United Methodist World Service Fund or apportionment funds, so without your gifts, UMCOR could not guarantee that 100% of all other funds raised will be used for a specific cause. Please make your check out to CSUMC with "One Great Hour" in the memo.

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.

All are invited for a 30 minute worship service on Wednesday, March 25th, 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 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

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

Adults, we will now be offering a Time of Prayer every Sunday morning starting at 8:45am in the Parlor. If you have any needs you'd like us to pray about, please put completed prayer cards in the offering plate during service on Sundays - look for a small purple card! Or you can call our office and talk to Nate about your prayer request. Please consider joining us!

Sign up today in the Narthex to do a 30 minute Vigil on Good Friday, April 3, between the hours of 1 pm and 9 pm, in the Chapel. Pray, meditate, or read the Bible as we ponder the meaning of Christ's death.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Mabelann Fisher **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent

03/22 8:45 am Adult Prayer Time 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 03/23 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
Tue 03/24 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 "Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 5:30 pm 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 03/25 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 03/26 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**
6:00 **Praise Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary**
Fri 03/27 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 03/28

Sunday Palm/Passion Sunday

03/29 8:45 am Adult Prayer Time 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
11:30 **Christian Ed in the Youth Lounge**
 2:00 pm JFON on the 2nd Floor
3:00 **Youth Group in the Youth Center**

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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! March 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 _____
 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.

*5th Sunday in Lent
 March 22, 2015*