

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

“An Easter Morning” – *Fernand deLa Tombelle (1854-1928)*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

*Leader:* Walk in the light of his love.

**People: Live in the light of his teachings  
and healing mercies.**

*Leader:* Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #159

“Lift High the Cross”

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

Acts 4:32-35

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

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

Hymn FWS #2129

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message

*Nate Merchant*

Hymn FWS #2026

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Hymn of Response UMH #141

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Reading from the Psalter UMH #850

Psalm 133

Second Scripture Lesson

I John 1:1-2:2

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

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

Sermon

“Belief, Unbelief and the Spirit of the Living Christ”

*Rev. Dr. Richard Wang*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #420

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Counterpoint in Eb Major” – *Orlando Di Lasso (1530-1594)*

§ Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Benediction

Congregational Response “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Postlude

“Alleluia” – *Enrico Bossi (1861-1925)*

UMW’s All-Church Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room

We thank Rev. Dr. Richard Wang  
for leading us today in worship  
while Rev. Calvin Culpepper is on vacation.

**Come worship and pray in the spirit of Taizé on Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm in the Chapel.** A peaceful, contemplative service, this worship consists of singing uncomplicated repetitive songs, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. You will find peace here. All are welcome!

**World Malaria Day is Sunday, April 26th.** Court Street United Methodist Church will use this date to kick-off our Imagine No Malaria (INM) campaign. In 2013 The United Methodist Church agreed to raise \$75 Million dollars over 3 years to assist global organizations in the elimination of malaria globally but primarily Africa. A child or pregnant women dies every 60 seconds from Malaria. Our Bishop at annual conference in 2013 set a goal of \$1 million in pledges with an anticipated giving of \$100 per person attending service over 3 and now 2 years. Pastor Cal and I pledged \$10,000 from our church with hopes that God would instill a desire to reach the Bishop’s goal of \$15,000. On that day and for the next two years we will have the opportunity to pledge and contribute with several options. If you want to commit to and work on this campaign, please see me or call me at 815-965-6518.  
*Project Chairman, Gene Ferry*



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 be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Please see the insert “Why We Apportion” to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

**Deadline for Garden Bazaar orders & payment is TODAY.**

**Nature Camp @ Camp Reynoldswood: 6/28-7/1 for 4th-8th graders** ~ Deadlines for Submitting Registration Forms to Nate: TODAY – Qualify for Early Bird Discount Rate of \$245 Per Camper and 6/7 – Normal Rate of \$265 Per Camper Applies. Forms available in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings. Contact Nate with any Questions.

**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.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - April 15 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.**



• Ministry in the Youth Lounge

*Last session of Rick Warren’s ‘The Daniel Plan,’ a group study where we encourage each other to make lasting and healthy lifestyle changes while growing in Christ. Read Chapter 8 in preparation for this evening’s session. Nate Merchant & Teresa Field are co-leading the sessions.*

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

• 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 offer 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! Consider joining us--it will do wonders for your life!

**Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé.** All are welcome to come and enjoy a peaceful time in which you can sit and listen or participate as you feel moved to do so.

Plan now to attend the **Hot Dog & Potato Bake** right after church on Sunday, April 26th. As indicated by the name, you will get yummy hot dogs and baked potatoes with delicious toppings for a free-will donation. Proceeds will help offset youth camp and mission trip costs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP	
<b>Greeters:</b> Don & Joanne Swinson	<b>Liturgist:</b> Randiann King
<b>Ushers:</b> The Sue Cram Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b> Tim Welk
<b>Video Tech:</b> Steve Ripley	<b>Van Driver:</b> Dan Boon

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

**Sunday 2nd Sunday of Easter**

**04/12** 8:45 am Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor  
 9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery  
**10:00** **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
**11:15** **UMW's All-Church Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room**  
**3:00 pm** **Youth Group in the Youth Lounge**

**Mon 04/13** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 4:30 pm SPRC in Room 209  
 6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor

**Tue 04/14** 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 Trustee Committee in the Library  
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
**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 04/15 Chimes DEADLINE**

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor  
**\*\*5:00 pm** **Holy COW! - see announcements**  
**7:00** **Prayer Service in the Chapel**

**Thu 04/16** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
**6:00** **Praise Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary**

**Fri 04/17** 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 04/18**

**Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**04/19** 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**

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</i>
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Steven Rogers	<i>Custodian</i>

**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!** April 12, 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.

*2nd Sunday of Easter  
 April 12, 2015*