

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

Prelude "Chant de Printemps" ~ *Louis Vierne*

*Ringing of the Bell*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**People: Thank God for mothers!**

*Leader:* Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**People: Thank God for my mother!**

*Leader:* For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**People: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

*Leader:* For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**People: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

*Leader:* For all the women who are awaiting the birth of their child.

**People: Thank God for expectant mothers.**

*Leader:* For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**People: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

*Leader:* For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**People: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

*Leader:* For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but instead became a mother to others.

**People: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Mission: Cleaning Bucket Challenge

*Lorelle Wandell*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading UMH #818, response 1

Psalm 98

Hymn FWS #2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message

*Abby Logli & Diane Lutmer*

Hymn FWS #2026

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p.130

Acts 10:44-48

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

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

Sermon

"Family Affair!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"

~ *arr, Craig Courtney*

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Offertoire Pascal"

~ *Guy Ropartz*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #475

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

### § Benediction

God, whose love for us is greater than that of any parent, longs to share love through all who would serve as human parents of faith. As you go, may God's love live in you, may the grace of Christ surround you, and may the Spirit nurture you. **Amen.**

Postlude

"Praise God"

~ *Enrico Bossi*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



**Altar Flowers are given...**

...in loving memory of Sherry Mehren Blascoe

by Fred & Judy Mehren and Josh Blascoe.

Please note that next Sunday, May 17th, the Nursery will not be staffed because of our Confirmation Celebration in worship. The Nursery will be accessible for those parents who wish to use it themselves.



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.

To all the new and seasoned volunteers of our Garden Bazaar...We need people on Thursday, May 14, in the morning to help sort and organize pre-orders. On Friday, May 15 we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-3, and take down at 3 pm. On Saturday, May 16, we need people to set up at 7:30 am, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1 pm. Please contact Perky (815-654-2956) or see me at church if you can help. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our "Old Faithfuls!"

**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, May 20th, at 7 pm 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 just sit and listen or participate as you feel moved to do so.

Rockford Aviators are hosting a Family & Faith Night on June 20th. Admission of \$14 includes your ticket and Aviators Baseball Cap. Unlimited ballpark food and drink (soda and water only) is available for an additional \$6 and lasts from 6:05-7:05--until first pitch. Anyone wishing to go should contact Nate by May 17th so we can purchase our tickets.

Nature Camp @ Camp Reynoldswood: 6/28-7/1 for 4th-8th graders ~ Deadline for Submitting Registration Forms to Nate: 6/7 - Normal Rate of \$265 Per Camper Applies. Forms available in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings. Contact Nate with any Questions.

There is a need for our church family to have volunteer drivers for those unable to drive themselves to and from appointments. Prayerfully think about this and let Teresa Field, our Parish Nurse, know that you are willing to drive.

You've heard of the Ice Bucket Challenge? We have received the Cleaning Bucket Challenge. All of the churches in the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) have been challenged by Rev. Michael Mann, head of Mission and Advocacy for NIC, to bring to Annual Conference a minimum of 1 Cleaning Bucket. Let's see how many we can put together; deadline for giving is June 7 in order to have them ready to take to Conference. Please drop your donation in the bucket! Thank you!

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Bill & Betty Seiter      **Liturgist:** James Crow  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team      **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Fellowship:** Geri Ryan, Judy Mehren & Nancy Edwardson

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

**Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

**05/10** 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** **Fellowship Time in the Narthex**

**Mon 05/11** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

**5:00 pm** **Council of Ministries in the Parlor**  
**6:00** **Worship Committee in the Parlor**

**Tue 05/12** 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**  
**6:00** **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**  
**7:00** **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room**

**Wed 05/13** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor  
**6:30 pm** **Set up/serve Women's Crisis Center Meal**  
**7:00** **Men's Group at someone's home?**

**Thu 05/14** 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** **Chatterbox Supper Group at**  
**Dos Reales, 5855 E. State St.**  
**6:00** **Vocal Rehearsal in the Chapel**  
**7:00** **Police Memorial Service in the Sanctuary**  
**Reception after in the Dining Room**

**Fri 05/15** **GARDEN BAZAAR!! 9:00 am - 3 pm**

**Chimes DEADLINE**  
 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  
 10:30 Money 101 in Room 109  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 05/16** **GARDEN BAZAAR!! 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Sunday 7th Sunday of Easter/Confirmation/50 year Member**

**05/17** 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** **Fellowship Time in the Narthex**  
**3:00 pm** **Youth Group in Youth Center**  
**4:00** **CSUMC Book Club**

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation      *Ministers*  
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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!**      May 10, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

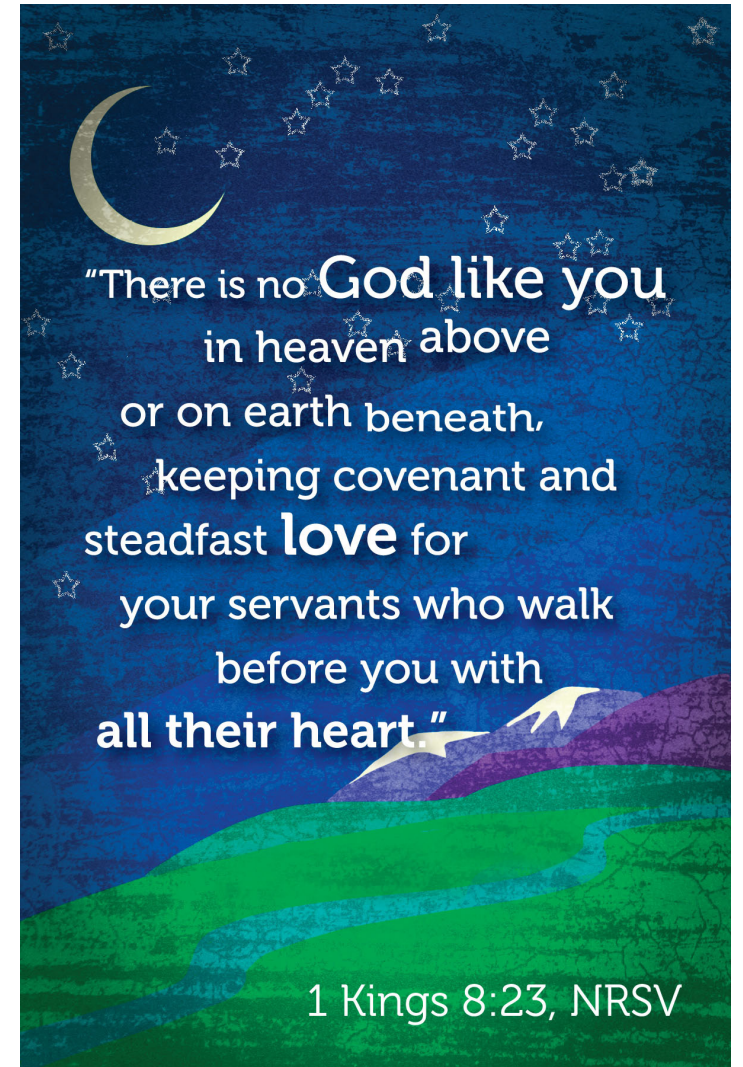
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 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_


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.

*6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day  
 May 10, 2015*