

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 - JuBellation

“Rejoice, He Is Risen”

Ringing of the Bell

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead!

People: He endured that we might live with him.

He died that we might reign with him.

Leader: Most gracious God: On this day, when we celebrate your Son's return to you in glory, we offer humble and joyous thanks for what he did for us and for all who would respond to his claim.

People: With his disciples, we behold with wonder his triumphant ascension, hailing him as Savior.

Leader: He was faithful to you O God, from beginning to end!

People: Keep us faithful -- in our worship, our witness, and our service. In his name, Amen.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #312 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

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

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 192 Ephesians 1:15-23

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”

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 91

Luke 24:44-53

Leader: This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Choral Response - Chancel Choir

“Glorious Day”

Sermon

“It's In Your Court!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Recognition of Brian L. King, 50-year Anniversary Member

Confirmation of Lydia Ludington

Pastor: Members of the household of God,

I commend Lydia to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase her faith,

confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Congregation:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love, as members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Draw Us to Thee” ~ Johann Walther

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #318

“Christ Is Alive”

§ Benediction

As Jesus was lifted up and disappeared in a cloud, the disciples were asked a question: “Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go.” In the meantime, friends, while we wait for his return, there is work to be done. Go. Go to share the love of Christ, to bind the wounds of the brokenhearted, to be peacemakers, to tell what you yourselves have seen and heard -- that Jesus Christ offers forgiveness and salvation to all. *Amen.*

Postlude

“Fugue in A minor” ~ J.S. Bach

Celebration Time in the Narthex



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of Sandra Hoke

by Bob Henbest.



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!

Please note that the Nursery will not be staffed TODAY because of our Confirmation Celebration in worship.

The Nursery is accessible for those parents who wish to use it themselves.

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 TODAY so we can purchase our tickets.

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.

Pentecost is next Sunday, May 24th. In celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon us, wear some red.

Don't forget to turn in your reservation for the (UMM) United Methodist Men's All-Church Dinner, A Taste of Italy. The dinner will be next Sunday, May 24th, immediately after worship. Funds raised will help support the work of our UMM.

Church will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

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.

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. We already have enough money for 4 buckets! Let's see how many more we can put together; deadline for giving is May 31st in order to have them ready to take to Conference. Please drop your donation in the bucket! Thank you!

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!

End-of-Year Party for Youth & Kids

Sunday, May 31, more info to come

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Earle Mailand **Liturgist:** James Crow
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Dan Boon
Fellowship: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

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 @ Neva Risley's,**
300 Pearl Ave. Loves Park

Mon 05/18 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
12:00 pm **Nurture & Outreach in Dining Room**

Tue 05/19 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
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 05/20 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
6:00 pm **Vocal Rehearsal in the Chapel**
7:00 **Worship in the Spirit of Taizé in the Chapel**
7:00 **Men's Group at someone's home**

Thu 05/21 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Fri 05/22 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 05/23

Sunday Pentecost

05/24 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 **UMM Taste of Italy in the Dining Room**
2:00 pm **JFON on the 2nd Floor**

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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 17, 2015
We're glad you're worshipping 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.

*7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday
 May 17, 2015*