

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 "Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit"
Chancel Choir, JuBellation

Ringing of the Bell

§ Call to Worship

Leader: On this day of Pentecost, as we worship,

People: May God pour out his great Spirit upon us.

Leader: May the power and promise of that day long ago,

People: Renew us and our church on this Pentecost day.

Leader: In our worship, may our hearts be set afire
with enthusiasm,

**People: And may our lives show forth with energy
and courage as we live the Good News of new life.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #603

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 119 Acts 2:1-21

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. 110

John 15:26-27; and 16:4b-15

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Choral Response "Notes from John" Chancel Choir

Sermon "Born From Above" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Come Holy Ghost, in Love" ~ Healey Willan

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

Please remain standing as you are able.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

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

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

Communion Music

Hymn UMH #632 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Charles Matlock, Ken Whitmore "Holy Spirit Rain Down"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

§ Benediction

May the Spirit of God guide you into all truth as you go out into the world this week. May your ears be attentive to the still small voice that tells you that you are loved, you are valuable, you are His. Let the message of the Holy Spirit transform your actions as you seek to follow His gentle guiding. Go now, in the great peace of Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude "Fugue in G minor (the Great)" ~ J.S. Bach

UMM "Taste of Italy" in the Dining Room



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of my parents & siblings
by Bob Henbest.

...in honor of Rob's birthday today by Lorelle Wandell.



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!

Church will be closed tomorrow, for Memorial Day.

Softball team plays Tuesday, May 26 -- see calendar on reverse.

Next Sunday, May 31st, we will take a special offering for Peace with Justice. Your contribution supports ministries within our conference, and ministries related to the General Board of Church and Society. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Peace with Justice" on the memo line.

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 at the end of service--it will be at the back of the sanctuary! Thank you!

Blessing of our Animals will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 6:00 p.m., on the church lawn. Pastor Cal will bless your pet (you may bring a picture of your pet, if that is easier) during this special service. Rain site will be the Chapel Narthex.

Vacation Bible School: Minecraft Edition ~ One day only, Saturday, August 1st, we will have a special VBS from 9am to 1pm, including lunch. Free for all children ages 5-12, but please register by July 19th so we can be sure to have enough materials available for everyone. Registration forms are available in the church office.

2015 Christian Performing Arts Camp & Performance ~ Calling all students in grades 3-12! Plan now to attend this wonderful week, August 3 - 7, 9am - 2:30pm, of training in the performing arts disciplines including chorus, drama, and prop/costume design, culminating in a musical performance of Christ's parables in the 10am Sunday Worship on August 9th. Clinicians include James L. Crow and Dorothy Paige-Turner. Cost is \$20 per student which includes lunch. Registration deadline is July 19th. Forms are available in the church office.

End-of-Year Pizza Party for Youth & Families

Sunday, May 31, 11:30 in the Youth Lounge

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Gene & Barb Ferry **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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**

Mon 05/25 CHURCH CLOSED - Memorial Day

Tue 05/26 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
6:15 pm **Knitting Group at 4250 Ahlstrand**
7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room**
7:00 **Softball Game @ Loves Park Playground,**
5101 Louisa St., LP
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 05/27 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
7:00 pm **Men's Group at someone's home**

Thu 05/28 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**
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 Vocal Rehearsal in the Chapel

Fri 05/29 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 05/30

Sunday Trinity Sunday

05/31 8:45 am Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**
11:15 **Fellowship in the Narthex**
11:30 **End-of-Year Party for Youth & Families**
in the Youth Lounge

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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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 24, 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



I will
 put my
spirit
 within
 you,
 and you
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

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.

*Pentecost Sunday
 May 24, 2015*