

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Prelude in Eb ~ Orlando di Lasso

*Ring of the Bell*

*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.*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We are gathered in the presence of God,  
who asks us to choose between life and death,  
blessing and curse.

*People:* We are gathered like the people of Israel,  
who were challenged to choose the way of life.

*Leader:* Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

*People:* Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day  
to begin anew by the grace of God.

*Leader:* By our presence here, we are saying  
that we want to choose life one more time.

*People:* Let us praise the God of love and life  
who has called us to this place.

~ Ruth C. Duck, *Bread for the Journey*  
(Pilgrim Press, 1981), 35.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #545 "The Church's One Foundation"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Rev. James Gibbons  
Prayers of the People

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 285 2 Samuel 11:26-12:9a, 13a

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for the People of God.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Psalter Response David's Response to God Psalm 51  
*Please follow the screens.*

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message

Youth Mission Trip  
"The Happy Meal"

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Sermon "The Trouble with Power" Rev. James Gibbons

## 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 BWV 1007 ~ J.S. Bach

§ Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
*Please remain standing as you are able.*

§ Gospel Reading John 6:24-35

## 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 Medley

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #565 "Father, We Thank You"

§ Benediction

God has transformed you from children of the night to sons  
and daughters of the light; from doubters to believers; from  
alienation to reconciliation. Leave, now, to celebrate God's  
transforming power! *Amen.*

Postlude Trumpet Tune ~ Henry Purcell

Fellowship in the Narthex



Altar Flowers are given...

...in celebration of our nephew's 2nd birthday, Gavin Wandell, on 8/4,  
by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

**Kids! Bring your backpacks on Sunday, August 16th, to worship** so  
that Pastor Cal may bless them before school starts.

**Thanks to all of you who have signed up to shop, cook and/or serve  
for the Women and Children's Crisis Center meal on the second  
Wednesday of each month.** We need volunteers for NOVEMBER  
11th. Please sign up in the Narthex by the coffee and counter area. Ask  
your friends, relatives, neighbors, or other church members who may  
not have participated in this mission. For help or questions contact  
Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in wor-  
shipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and  
invite you to return!



**2015 Christian Performing Arts Camp starts tomor-  
row!** Calling all students in grades 3-12, August 3 - 7,  
9am - 2:30pm, for training in the performing arts disciplines including  
chorus, drama, and prop/costume design, culminating in a musical per-  
formance 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 forms are avail-  
able in the church office.

**8/3 Methodist Monday Reminder: Christian Education**

**Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship?** Please call Tim Gorman, 815-  
636-0514, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, August 8th, if you need a ride for  
Sunday, August 9th.

**Next Sunday, August 9th, we will be taking a special offering to  
help us meet our Apportionment.** There will be an insert next week  
to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make  
your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

**Calling all kids in 4th Grade and older** ~ If you are interested in be-  
coming an acolyte, please come to a short meeting **after church on Au-  
gust 23rd** in the Sanctuary. Contact Cindy Anderson with questions.

**Anyone in 1st grade through 8th grade** is invited to come to the  
**Praisin' & Prayin' Puppet Project** happening at Court Street UMC  
from August 10th thru the 14th, 9am to 11:30am, with a performance  
on Sunday, August 16th, at our 10am worship service. Only \$10 per  
student, you do not have to be a member to participate. Scholarships  
are available for those who need them.

**For Adults only** ~ Now that we have your attention, plan now to come  
to Sunday School beginning September 13th. Lamplighters will begin  
meeting that Sunday in Room 209 on the 2nd floor. All are welcome!

**Plan to attend the 4-Church Worship service on Sunday, August  
30th, 10:00 a.m.,** in Court Street UMC's sanctuary, as we worship with  
our neighbors, Emmanuel Episcopal, 2nd/1st, and Shalom. Bring your  
offering in your CSUMC envelope if you want it to go to CSUMC. Un-  
designated offering will go to Jeremiah Neighborhood Development.

Looking for a small  
group to help with...

**SCRIP!**

Did you know that each year the SCRIP program raises about \$4,000  
for Court Street United Methodist Church? We are looking for a few  
good men and women to help Court Street by working on SCRIP. If  
we get a small group of volunteers, we can spread the work around to  
help keep this program as a successful fund-raiser. If you are interest-  
ed, please contact Ken Whitmore at (815) 979-8544 or Gene Ferry at  
(815) 965-6518.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Helen Anglemire      **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team      **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Dan Boon  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

**Sunday 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**08/02 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship in the Narthex

**Mon 08/03 METHODIST MONDAY**

**9:00 am** Performing Arts Camp - Sanctuary  
 9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

**Tue 08/04 9:00 am** Performing Arts Camp - Santuary

9:00 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  
 2:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room  
**7:00** Chancel Choir in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

**Wed 08/05 9:00 am** Performing Arts Camp - Sanctuary

9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor  
 12:00 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in the Library  
**7:00** Men's Group at someone's home

**Thu 08/06 9:00 am** Performing Arts Camp - Sanctuary

9:00 MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Fri 08/07 9:00 am** Performing Arts Camp - Sanctuary

9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 08/08 8:30 am** UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn,  
 2420 Charles Street

**Sunday 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

**08/09 9:30 am** Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex  
**10:00** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship & Blood Pressure Check  
 in the Narthex

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!** August 2, 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



Psalm 51:1, 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.

10th Sunday after Pentecost  
 August 2, 2015