

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "He Leadeth Me" ~ Gilbert Martin  
Chancel Choir

*Ringing of the Bell*

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Enter now the dwelling place of the Lord!

**People: The Lord is here! Praise be to God.**

*Leader:* Let us enter this place with joy and wonder,  
reverence and awe.

**People: We marvel at the beauty and majesty of God.**

*Leader:* We stand amazed at the display of divine power.

**People: God's creativity and imagination inspire us!**

*Leader:* Here we stand in the presence of the Almighty,  
sovereign God.

**All: Let us worship the Lord with praise and gladness!**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
*Haskell Academy Collection - Georgalee George*

Prayers of the People

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

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 312

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalter Response**

**Psalms 84**

*Please follow the screens.*

**Hymn FWS #2129**

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

Children's Message

"Know His Voice"

*James L. Crow*

**Hymn FWS #2026**

**"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"**

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 195 Ephesians 6:10-20

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

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

### § Hymn of Response UMH #514 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" Verse 3 to be sung by choir only

Sermon "God's Protection" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ~ *Heinrich Fleischer*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #51 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

### § Benediction

You have heard the call to be armed and prepared; to stand firm as part of God's community; and through prayer to live by and in the faith. Go, therefore, in the power of God — Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer — to proclaim and embody the gospel of peace. **Amen.**

Postlude "Hopak" ~ *Modest Mussorgsky*

### Fellowship in the Narthex



*Altar Flowers are given...*

...in honor of our 15th wedding anniversary  
by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

**Please join us for a Potluck Lunch in the Dining Room following our Rally Day service on September 13, 2015.** Beverages and ice cream for dessert will be provided. Each family should bring their own table service and a dish to pass. Dishes can be dropped off between 9:00 and 10:00am on Sunday, September 13, in the main kitchen. If your last name begins with A - G, please bring salad or vegetable, H - N please bring a side dish, O - Z please bring a main dish. If you have any questions please contact Rynne Ludington. We look forward to seeing you on Rally Day!

### Court Street UMC is seeking individuals to fill two positions:

1. Custodian - this is a part-time position to clean the various areas of our church, as well as being a presence at our entrance during times of church activities.

2. Student Internship - this position is for a high school or an area full-time college student, who will work directly with the Christian Education committee, and Christian Education Director.

If you have an interest in one of these positions, please contact Pastor Cal (815-963-1790) or Jeanine Wang (815-218-1700).



**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!

**Calling all kids in 4th Grade and older** ~ If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please come to a short meeting **after church TODAY** in the Sanctuary. Contact Cindy Anderson with questions.

**8/24 Methodist Monday Reminder: Jeanine Wang**

**Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Court Street United Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.** Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)

**Softball team plays Tuesday, August 25, at Loves Park Playground, 5101 Louisa St.**

**Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship?** Please call Dan Boon, 815-713-0411, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, August 29th, if you need a ride for Sunday, August 30th.

**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 Con/1st Pres, and Shalom. Bring your offering in your CSUMC envelope if you want it to go to CSUMC. Undesignated offering will go to Jeremiah Neighborhood Development.

**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!

**You are cordially invited to celebrate Barbara Ring's 90th birthday** on Saturday, September 5, 2pm to 4pm, in The Van Sickle Room, Wesley Willows Retirement Center, 4141 N Rockton Ave., Rockford Illinois 61103. No gifts but well wishes and stories are gratefully accepted. Refreshments and desserts will be served.

**All committees, staff members, etc. who have a report to turn in for our Church Conference: Deadline is September 11th.**

**New study to begin in September!** Learn how and why we started as Methodists and what we believe. (You may be surprised.) Sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the counter. Be sure to sign up on the correct one as there are 2 days, Sunday and Wednesday, that it is offered. Books will be \$8 each and will be available Sunday, September 6.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Mabelann Fisher      **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team      **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

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

**Sunday 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**08/23 10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship in the Narthex  
**11:30** Christian Ed Committee in Youth Lounge  
**2:00 pm** JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor  
**4:00** Emily Volz Recital  
**5:00** Benefit Fund Raiser Dinner in Dining Room

**Mon 08/24 METHODIST MONDAY**

9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

**Tue 08/25** 9:00 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  
**7:00 pm** Chancel Choir in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

**Wed 08/26** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**7:00 pm** Men's Group at someone's home

**Thu 08/27** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**1:00 pm** Chimes stuffing in the Library  
 6:00 Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal in the Chapel

**Fri 08/28** 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  
 10:00 Money 101 in Room 109  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Sat 08/29 9:00 am** 4-Church Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
 2:00 pm Wedding in the Sanctuary

**Sunday 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**08/30 10:00 am** 4-Church Worship in the Sanctuary  
**11:15** Fellowship in the Dining Room

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation      *Ministers*  
 Calvin Culpepper      *Pastor*  
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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 23, 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:  
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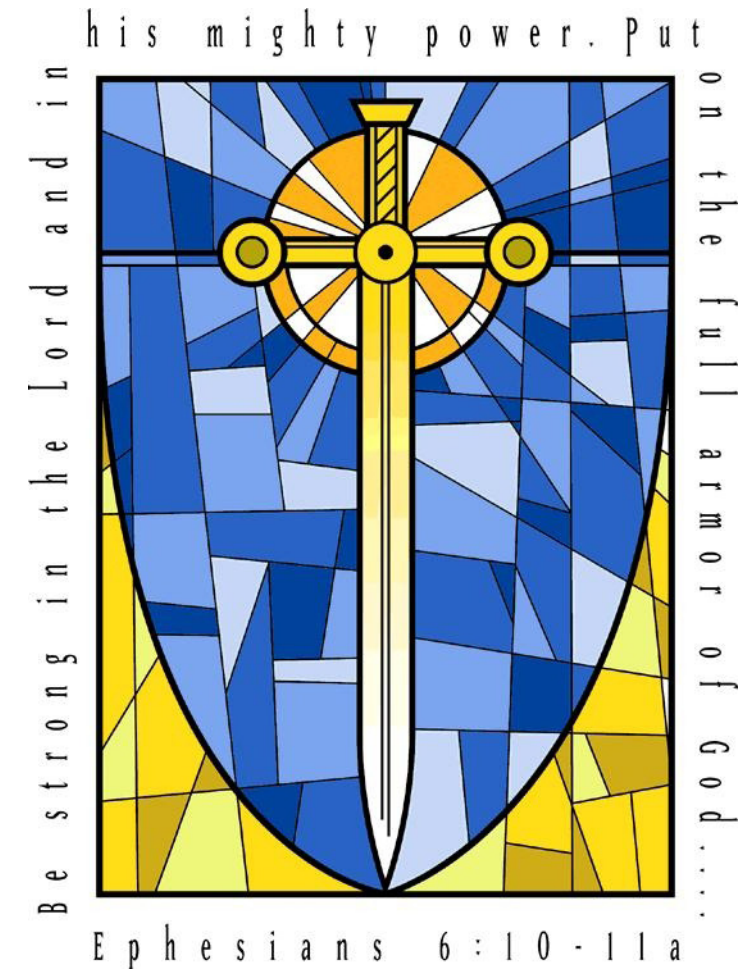
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If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.  
 Thank you for helping our environment!




ORDER OF WORSHIP  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

God's Protection



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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost  
 August 23, 2015