

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "My Inmost Heart Now Raises" ~ J.C. Bach

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We are held in the arms of grace,

**People: Supported by a compassionate friend,**

*Leader:* Uplifted on the wings of hope,

**People: Sustained by the words of prayer,**

*Leader:* Aided by a mysterious presence,

**People: Cared for in surprising ways.**

**All: So let us sing our praise and live our gratitude.**

~ Larry J. Peacock, *Water Words 4 (Summer 1992).*

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

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 - Old Testament p. 186 Deuteronomy 30: 11-16

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn FWS #2129

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

Children's Message

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026

**"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"**

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 213

2 Timothy 3:10-11, 14-17

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

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

Sermon "Worshiping While We *Walk* in the Wesleyan Way"

Wesley's Word

*Rev. Richard Wang*

Sources of John Wesley's Theology

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response

"I'll Praise My Maker"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"The Brooklet"

~ Franz Schubert

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #603

**"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"**

Verse 1: All

Verse 2: Women

Verse 3: Men

Verse 4: All

§ Benediction

Out of your goodness, Lord, keep us from sin today.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, let your mercy rest on us, for we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, we place our confidence;

we will never be disappointed. **Amen.**

--F. Forrester Church and Terrence J. Mulry, *Earliest Christian Hymns, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1988.*

Postlude

"Alla Marcia"

~ Henry Coleman

**"Salads and More" luncheon in the Dining Room**

### I'll Praise My Maker While I Have Breath

Words: Isaac Watts; alt. by John Wesley Music: Matthäus Greiter

Originally written by Isaac Watts in 1719, words to this beautiful hymn were slightly altered by John Wesley in 1737. A paraphrase of Psalm 146, Wesley made slight changes in several of the stanzas. The hymn was a favorite of Wesley's, who included it in his collections from 1741 until 1780. He gave out this hymn just before preaching for the last time in City Road Chapel, Tuesday evening, February 22, 1791. The following Monday afternoon, though very ill, he amazed the friends at his bedside by singing the hymn throughout in a strong voice. The next night, he tried many times to repeat the hymn, but could only say "I'll praise—I'll praise—" And with endless praise for his Maker on his lips and in his heart he passed to that life where "immortality endures."

*Young, C. R. (1993). Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal.*

*Nashville: Abingdon Press.*

**If you would like to contribute to a Love Gift for Michael Smith, our former Mechanical Engineer, please make your check out to Court Street UMC with "M Smith Love Gift" in the memo line.** You may put it in the offering plate or bring/mail it to the church office.



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 join us immediately after church TODAY for a "Salads and More" (salads, barbecue sandwiches and dessert) luncheon sponsored by Lydia Circle, Nurture Committee and other church friends. Cost is free-will donation to support raising funds for the Imagine No Malaria Project. Thanks for your support and generosity. We are close to our ultimate goal. Come and learn more about our final push to get there!!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE to learn how and why we started as Methodists and what we believe.** We will meet in the parlor at 11:30 with Pastor Cal. If you're not able to attend today, come this Wednesday, September 30th, at 4:30 p.m., in the Dining Room.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Sept. 30th!**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

- Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

- Rev. Wang leads "John Wesley: Holiness of Heart & Life in the Dining Room"

**5:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

- Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room for only \$3.50/person

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

- Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor



**Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship?** Please call Tim Gorman, 815-636-0514, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, October 3rd, if you need a ride for Sunday, October 4th.

**All adults are welcome to come to Sunday School** next Sunday, October 4th. We will meet in Room 209 on the 2nd floor.

**Next Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and take a special offering.** Half of the offering will go toward scholarships for international and US graduate students, 35% goes toward the Ethnic Scholarship Program for undergraduate students, and 15% goes toward the Ethnic In-Service Training Program for racial- and ethnic-minority people seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

**Come to N. Main Culver's on Tuesday, October 6, from 5 - 8 p.m. for 'Scoopie Night.'** Have some delicious food and treats as well as a delightful social time with your friends. All funds raised will be split between our United Methodist Men and our Children's Programs.

**Come and enjoy an afternoon of music to benefit Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) in Rockford, a free immigration legal clinic.** It's at 3:00 p.m., Sat., Oct. 10, in the chapel at Court Street UMC. One group will use combinations of vocals, guitar, piano, and harmonica; another group will use guitar, drum, maracas, and voice; a third performer is a pianist. Admission is free, but there will be a free-will offering for JFON. Also, there will be a bake sale.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Jean Killingsworth      **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team      **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Dan Boon

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

**Sunday 18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**09/27**    **9:00 am**    **Lamplighters in Room 209**  
             **9:00**    **Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery**  
             **10:00**    **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
             **11:15**    **"Salads & More" Lunch in the Dining Room**  
             **11:15**    **Children's Choir in Choir Room**  
             **11:30**    **John Wesley Study in the Parlor**  
             **1:00 pm**    **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
             **1:00**    **Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab**  
             **2:00**    **Dowel Rod Ministry in the Youth Center**  
             2:00    JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor  
             **3:00**    **Youth Group in the Youth Lounge**  
**Mon 09/28** 9:00 am    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
**Tue 09/29** 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  
             **11:00**    **Adult Computers in Computer Lab, 2nd Floor**  
             5:30 pm    Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
             **6:00**    **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**  
             **7:00**    **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**  
             7:00    Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209  
**Wed 09/30** 9:00 am    MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
             9:30    Early Head Start in Room 100  
             12:00 pm    Jeremiah Exec Board in the Library  
             **4:00**    **Holy COW! begins -- SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Thu 10/01** 9:00 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**    **Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal in the Chapel**  
**Fri 10/02** 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  
**Sat 10/03**  
**Sunday 19th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday**  
**10/04**    **8:45 am**    **SPRC in the Parlor**  
             **9:00**    **Lamplighters in Room 209**  
             **9:00**    **Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery**  
             **10:00**    **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
             **11:15**    **Fellowship Time in the Narthex**  
             **11:15**    **Children's Choir in Choir Room**  
             **11:30**    **Annual Church Conference in the Sanctuary**  
             **1:00 pm**    **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East**  
             **1:00**    **Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab**  
             **2:00**    **Dowel Rod Ministry in the Youth Center**  
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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!**      September 27, 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

Worshiping  
While  
We  
Walk...



...in the  
Wesleyan Way

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.

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