

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Fugue in D Major" ~ Max Reger

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

One: Grace -

All: God's grace,

One: Before we are aware of it,

All: Loving and inviting us.

One: Grace -

All: God's amazing grace,

One: Confronting and lifting,

All: Convincing and persuading,

One: Surprising us,

All: Turning us around.

One: Grace -

All: God's ongoing grace,

One: Taking us along the path,

All: Teaching, guiding, perfecting.

One: Grace -

All: All the faces of God's grace.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 735 Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 192 Ephesians 2:1-10

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"
Prevenient Grace *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Choral Response "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ~ Arr. Paul E. Waters

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Prelude in D Major" ~ Johann Kinderman

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ God's SURPRISE GIFT to Us

§ Benediction

Receive God's gift, unwrap it, savor its surprise.

Be confident of your release,

Be encouraged in your growth,

Be empowered in your sanctification. **Amen.**

Postlude "Allegro in Eb Major" ~ J.S. Bach

Fellowship in the Narthex

Thou Hidden Love of God

Words: Gerhard Tersteegen trans. by John Wesley

Music: *Geistliche Lieder*

John Wesley saw early on that hymns might be used, not only for raising devotion, but also for instructing, and establishing the faith of his disciples. He intended the hymns to be not merely a part of public worship, but also a kind of creed in verse. They were to be "a body of experimental and practical divinity." He had more than thirty translations from the German, French and Spanish (chiefly from the German) and his translations from the German especially have had a wide circulation. Though they were translated freely, they embody the fire and energy of the originals.

Tersteegen wrote this hymn while in charge of a spiritual retreat at Otterbeck, Germany. John Wesley's journal shows that by October 17, 1735, while on board the ship Simmons bound for Georgia, he began to learn German by singing with the Moravians in their Singstunde, or singing meetings. He translated the words of this hymn freely from German to English in 1736 in Savannah, Georgia, and his translation was published in 1738.

The topic of Prevenient Grace, grace that is free in all and free for all, appears in this hymn. Wesley believed that "Without prevenient grace we are not liberated from the influence of sin to respond to God's offer of forgiveness and new life (1 John 4:19)." It would appear that Wesley believed Prevenient Grace, though perpetually offered from God, was something to be sought and cried for, not merely received automatically as some theologians maintain.

Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of our fathers,
John E. Whitehead & James Ferguson,
by Leta & Nicole Gerber.



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!

TODAY we will take a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line and place in the offering plate.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to learn how and why we started as Methodists and what we believe. Join us either in the parlor today at 11:30 a.m. or this Wednesday, October 14th, at 4:30 p.m., in the Dining Room.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Oct. 14th!

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 - only 3 books are left in the office!

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

Join The CROP Hunger Walk ~ Become a walker in person or in spirit. On Sunday, October 18, hundreds will join together walking to fight hunger around the world and in our city through the Rockford Pantry Coalition. Our church needs your participation in the 2015 Rockford CROP Hunger Walk. See RYANNE LUDINGTON to pick up an envelope. Walkers who raise \$250 will earn another \$100 for themselves and our congregation. Those who raise \$100 dollars or more will receive a free CROP t-shirt and become eligible for a valuable thank you gift at the Walk. Thanks for helping feed the hungry – both in the Greater Rockford area and throughout the world.

All adults are welcome to come to Sunday School next Sunday, October 18th. We will meet in Room 209 on the 2nd floor.

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.

Scrip is back! Cards from the 25 "top selling" businesses are now available on a Cash & Carry basis. If what you want is not one of the Cash & Carry cards, you can still order from the more complete order form, and your cards will be available in one-to-three weeks. Payment is requested at the time of ordering. Please support Scrip, as it is a significant money raiser for the church and a convenient way to shop. Start thinking/planning now for Christmas gift giving. Purchasing cards or ordering can be done before or after the 10:00 service. The church office will have the Cash & Carry cards available during the week.

We thank all of you for your cards, prayers, and support upon the death of our grandson, Thomas W. Ashley. It means a great deal to us.
Bruce & Rita Johnson.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Dave & Diane Risley **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Stanis Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 20th Sunday after Pentecost
10/11 **9:00 am** **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 **Garden Bazaar Meeting in the Dining Room**
 11:30 **John Wesley Study in the Parlor**
 1:00 pm **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302**
 1:00 **Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab**
 2:00 **Dowel Rod Ministry in the Youth Center**
 3:00 **Youth Group in the Youth Lounge**
Mon 10/12 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
Tue 10/13 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
 11:00 **Adult Computers in Computer Lab, 2nd Floor**
 12:00 pm **Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room**
 5:30 **Trustees Meeting in the Library**
 5:30 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 202 & 209
Wed 10/14 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Early Head Start CPR in the Parlor
 4:00 pm **Holy COW! -- SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 5:00 Common Cause IL in Room 209
 6:30 **Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center Meal**
Thu 10/15 **Chimes DEADLINE**
 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 **Taizé Ensemble Rehearsal in the Chapel**
Fri 10/16 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 10/17
Sunday 21st Sunday after Pentecost/CROP Walk
10/18 **9:00 am** **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 **Christian Ed in the Youth Lounge**
 11:30 **John Wesley Study in the Parlor**
 2:30 JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor
 4:00 **CSUMC Book Club**

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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! October 11, 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.

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2015