

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 C Major ~ G.F. Handel

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together in the spirit of the One who unites us all;

People: In the spirit of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us remember that we are God's chosen people;

People: Chosen to be God's servants in the world.

Leader: We gather because of our common need for renewal.

ALL: Let us offer acceptable worship to God who renews us for service. Amen.

--Sharon & Thomas Neuffer Emswiler, *Women & Worship: A Guide to Nonsexist Hymns, Prayers and Liturgies* (Harper & Row, 1984), 53.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2130

“The Summons”

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. 698 Jeremiah 1:4-10

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 #2270, refrain

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Gospel Song UMH #171

Chancel Choir

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 61

Luke 4:21-30

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Song UMH #171 “There's Something About That Name”

Sermon

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

“Getting Ready to Get Ready: Transforming the World”

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Here I Am, Lord”

~ arr. Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #438**

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

verse 1: All

verse 3: Men

verse 2: Women

verse 4: All

§ **Benediction**

People of God, the truth seeks to break in upon you in the most unexpected places and times and from the most unlikely of sources. As you go your way this week, open your hearts and minds to hear and receive the transforming Word, however it may come to you. And know that Father, Son and Spirit go with you to lead you to the truth that can set you free. **Amen.**

Postlude

Allegro

~ G.F. Handel

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

The Scrip committee thanks you for your purchases in 2015. We want to ask you to keep Scrip purchases in mind for your regular shopping needs. Some of our biggest returns come from: Chili's -11%, Backyard Grill-10%, The Olympic- 10%, Culver's- 10%, Panera Bread-9%, The Olive Garden/Red Lobster -9%. You can always stop by the church office during normal business hours to purchase Scrip cards. Consider buying a card or two to have on hand, such as AMC, for when you want to go to the movies.

The God We Can Know explores the “I am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. This study will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?” One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first “I am.” These significant, yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known. Purchase your book for only \$7 and study with Pastor Cal in the Parlor beginning next Sunday, February 7th, at 8:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar for the Pancake Supper, Tues., Feb. 9

Get your tickets, \$5 each, in the Narthex



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 be taking a special offering, United Voices for Children, to benefit ChildServ, MYSI Corp, and Rosecrance.

As a network of child advocates, United Voices for Children keeps the needs of the voiceless, powerless little ones before the church and the community. You may make your check out to CSUMC, with “5th Sunday Appeal” in the memo line. There is an envelope in your bulletin for your convenience.

UMW Luncheon on Wed., Feb. 3rd, Noon, in the Dining Room.

Lunch is \$7 per person; Program is Marty Frantz from the Music Academy of Rockford. She will talk about the work that group does for children, all the way to those who can no longer communicate with them, except by the joy on their faces when music reaches into the long forgotten past. **Deadline for RSVP to Geri Ryan: TODAY.**

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Feb. 3rd!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

• Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

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



On Thursday, February 11th, Jeremiah Development will have its Annual Meeting. Each of our founding churches is invited to this gathering where we discuss the Annual Report as well as elect new members to the Board of Directors and say goodbye to those leaving our ranks. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet the leaders of our neighborhood organization and share your hopes and dreams with them. The meeting is held at Second First Church and begins at 5:30.

The regular business meeting will follow the Annual Meeting and visitors are welcome to attend that as well.

Angel Tree Ministry Thank you ~ Thanks to ALL of you for your financial support, for purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children and for your prayers. Because of your generosity, gifts were purchased for 52 children from 17 families in our church neighborhood and nearby area. Each child received two gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent. In addition, extra funds were left over to provide \$25 or \$50 in grocery gift cards to each family based upon size of family or need. Thanks also to those of you who helped organize and deliver the gifts to the families. May God bless you all, for it is in giving that we are richly blessed. We ask that you continue to pray for the incarcerated parents and their families. This year we had some unusually large households where a caregiver was taking care of from 6 to 9 children and/or grandchildren. Quite a challenge and strain on a grandmother or caregiver so gift cards were well received and appreciated. We also had 2 Hispanic families this year. Religious pamphlets in English and Spanish were gift wrapped by our church children and delivered to the families also.
Barb and Gene Ferry

