

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Adagio ~ Henry G. Ley

Ringing of the Bell

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

### § Crown of Thorns "The Purpose of Lent"

Leader: During the weeks before Christmas we celebrate the anticipation of the coming of the Christ child with candles.

People: **One by one during Advent we light the candles of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love.**

Leader: All in preparation for the beginning of Christ's life on earth. All this culminates on Christmas Day, a holy day, when we light the Christ candle itself.

People: **It represents the light of Jesus Christ, shining in the world, living in our midst, coming forth to save us, inviting us to its warmth. That is a joyous season.**

Leader: Today we are in another season - the season of Lent.

People: **Lent is the season before Easter. It is in some ways the opposite of Advent. It is a sober season. It is the time of preparation for the coming of Christ's Passion Week.**

Leader: During Lent, we tune in to the dark days that got darker, and even darker, and ended in Christ's death.

People: **They were days of rejection and suffering, conflict and betrayal, and ended with the extinguishing of the light of the Christ candle that was lit at Christmas.**

Leader: That light would be rekindled and lit again in each of us, but in these coming weeks let us tune in to the darkening days of Lent, as we one by one extinguish the candles set before us, until on Good Friday, the flame on the Christ candle dies.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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. 180 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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"

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 61 Luke 4:1-13

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

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

Gospel Response "Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought" ~ Thomas Ford

Sermon "Winning by Losing!" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

The SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - Please use the insert.

Today we give thanks for Jeremy Ludington, and celebrate his new life in the family of Christ through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & RECEPTION of MEMBERS into LOCAL CONGREGATION

Erin Davis Alexis Kossike  
Fernande Diodan Jeremy Ludington  
Nathacha Kahe

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory Offertory in C minor ~ Johann Walther

### § Doxology #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #269  
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"  
verse 1: All verse 4: Women  
verse 2: Women verse 5: All  
verse 3: Men

§ Benediction  
Your Lenten journey is beginning! The creative, redeeming, sustaining presence of God accompanies you. Open your hearts to follow wherever God may lead you these next 40 days. Amen.

Postlude Fugue in C minor ~ J.S. Bach

Brief meeting of Midvale Apt. 'packers' in front of Sanctuary

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

Chanegz Flowzrs are given...

...in loving memory of Jim by Bess Koehn.

...in memory of Carl's valentine birthday by Geri Ryan.

Today is the First Sunday in Lent. In keeping with the idea of sacrifice, the worship committee has decided to have only a plain wooden cross and candlesticks on the altar. For those desiring to memorialize or honor someone or an event with flowers, they will be placed in front someplace where they can be seen, just not on the altar.



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 to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert in your bulletin to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." You'll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament. Study with Pastor Cal for 6 weeks at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Parlor, beginning today. Purchase your book for \$13 in the Narthex before/after worship or in the office.

Did you put your cross down? Pick it back up by coming to a 30 minute worship at noon this Wednesday in the Chapel. Stay afterwards for a light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Feb. 17th!

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

• "Living Lent" Study in the Dining Room

Each session in this Bible study includes Bible readings, prayers, questions and discussion starters related to these words to consider while living Lent as Easter people: Ponder, Purpose, People, Proclaim, Praise, and Pain. Purchase your book for \$5 in the Narthex before/after worship or in the Church Office.

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.

March 9, 2016 is the last time that meals will be prepared and served by Court Street at the Women and Children's Crisis Center on Cedar Street. We need volunteers to shop, prepare, and serve on the above date. If you have never had the opportunity to participate in this mission or would be willing to do so one final time, PLEASE CONTACT Barb Ferry at 965-6518 or sign the sheet on the easel in the Narthex. In the future, we will have new opportunities to support these women and children. Thanks so much to all who have faithfully supported this mission over the past years with your time, money, and prayers.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Bob Henbest Liturgist: Cindy Anderson
Ushers: The Stanis Team Sound Tech: Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley Van Driver: Dan Boon
Fellowship Hostesses: Kay Galloway & Judy Schmitt

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent
02/14 8:30 am The God We Can Know Study in the Library or Parlor
9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209
10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
11:30 The Gospel of John Study in the Library or Parlor
1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
1:00 Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab
2:00 Dowel Rod Ministry
3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center
3:00 Confirmation Class in the Dining Room
Mon 02/15 Chimes DEADLINE
9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
6:00 pm Local Missions Committee in Room 109
7:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room
Tue 02/16 8:00 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, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor
5:30 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209
Wed 02/17 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
9:30 Deborah Circle @ Nancy Doran's, 2212 Midway Dr.
12:00 pm 30 minute Worship in the Chapel
12:30 Lenten Lunch in the Dining Room for free-will donation
4:00 Holy COW! -- \*\*see announcements\*\*
Thu 02/18 8:00 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
Fri 02/19 8:00 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
5:30 Taizé Rehearsal in the Chapel
7:00 Taizé Worship in the Chapel
Sat 02/20 10:00 am Midvale Apartments Distribution
Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent
02/21 8:30 am The God We Can Know Study in the Library or Parlor
9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209
9:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
11:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
11:30 The Gospel of John Study in the Library or Parlor
1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
1:00 Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab
2:00 Dowel Rod Ministry
3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center
3:00 Confirmation Class in the Dining Room
4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ Lorna's, 4347 Applewood Ln., LP

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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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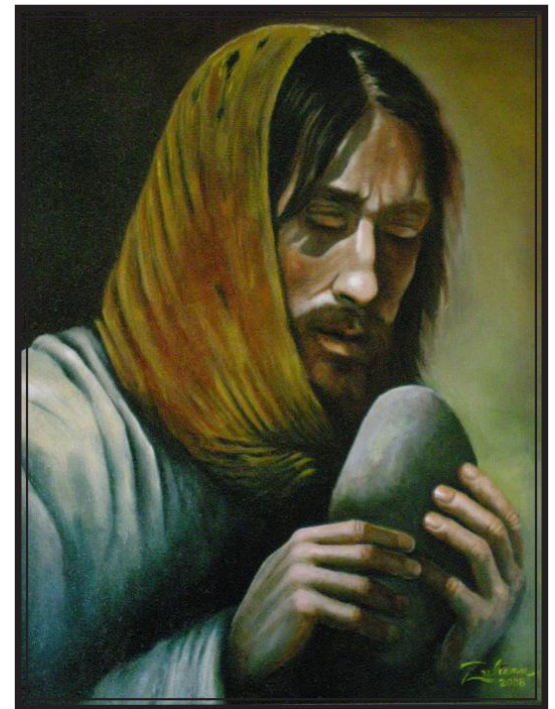
WELCOME! February 14, 2016
We're glad you're worshipping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.
I'm a visitor.
Please note my address change.
Name (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

Worshipping
While
We
Walk



"The Temptation of Christ" by Rohann Zulienn

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.

1st Sunday in Lent
February 14, 2016