

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude “Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast” ~ *Rolf Unkel*

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Crown of Thorns “Saying Good-bye”

*Leader:* Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent. In three short weeks, on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the end of Lent with a jubilant chorus of ‘Christ is risen!’

**People: The Lord has risen indeed!**

*Leader:* But that victory is not yet in sight as Jesus walks toward the deathly darkness of Good Friday, alone, so very alone. The disciples did not seem to understand what was really going on and what was going to happen in these coming days.

**People: So, Jesus tried to teach them, to show them, to explain to them, to prepare them for the coming crisis.**

*Leader:* Jesus knew what was already unfolding and began to say good-bye.

**People: He said good-bye by taking a basin and a towel and washing all their feet, even Peter’s feet and Judas’ feet.**

*Leader:* And he said, “I give you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”

**People: He said good-bye by saying, “Little children, I am with you a little while longer.”**

*Leader:* He said good-bye by saying, “A new commandment I give to you that you love one another even as I have loved you.”

**People: He said good-bye by saying, “Let not your heart be troubled, I go to prepare a place for you.”**

*Leader:* He said good-bye by saying, “Peace I leave with you; not as the world gives do I give to you.”

**People: In these darkening days of Lent, let us hear these words of Christ. Let us see God’s love and care, shining brightly against the black Good Friday horizon that looms up in the background.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #390 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 197 Joshua 5:9-12

*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. 78 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

Gospel Response

“Coming Home”

~ *Joseph Martin*

*Chancel Choir*

Sermon

“Amazing Grace!”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Oceans”

*Stick Routine*

*Dedicated to the memory of Kristina Leonard*

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

*Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.*

## The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.*

*The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Hymns

UMH #627 “O the Depth of Love Divine”

UMH #629 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH # 391

“O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice”

verse 1: *All*

verse 4: *Men*

verse 2: *Women*

verse 5: *All*

verse 3: *All*

§ Benediction

Let us put on the robe our Father God has given us. Let us put the sandals on our feet. For we were dead and now we are alive again. We were lost and now we are found. Celebrate! Tell the world about God’s love. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Postlude

“Kill the Fatted Calf”

*Children’s Choir*

**Fellowship Time in the Narthex**

**We thank Bill Zartman, violin,  
for sharing his musical gifts with us today.**



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 called **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover costs of doing business. UMCOR is not subsidized by the United Methodist World Service Fund or apportionment funds, so without your gifts, UMCOR could not guarantee that 100% of all other funds raised will be used for a specific cause. Please make your check out to CSUMC with “One Great Hour” in the memo.

**Study with Pastor Cal at 11:30 a.m. today in the Parlor.**

**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 March 9th!**

**\*\*Rev. Rhoads’ class will NOT meet this week\*\***

**\*\*There will be NO Dinner by Diane this week\*\***

**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 these words to consider while living Lent as Easter people: Ponder, Purpose, People, Proclaim, Praise, and Pain. Purchase your book for \$5 in the Church Office.*

**Next Sunday, March 13th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

**Reserve March 24th for the presentation of “The Living Last Supper,” as well as the delicious meal afterwards.** “The Living Last Supper” is free admission. Please see the card for the cost of the meal.

**Don’t forget to check the calendar on the back for additional events.**

The Scrip committee reminds you **we have cash and carry cards (\$25 each) for Home Depot, Lowes and Menards** for all of your home & garden projects. Remember that, if you plan to shop at these businesses, your purchase of the cards will help us support Court Street UM Church! Thank you and hope to see you at the Scrip table.

**“Strike the Rock: A Double Passion” for Chorus and instruments will be presented during worship service at 10 am on Sunday, March 20th.** Sinai and Calvary...though a desert apart, both were mountains scaled by men called to deliver a people from captivity. Experience the Passion of Christ as foreshadowed by Moses – revealing how Moses’ obedience (and his one fateful act of disobedience) shook the prophecy of Calvary. Featuring choruses by 9 different composers, and orchestrated by James Marck for strings, chorus, handbells and percussion.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Mike & Peggy Olderbak **Liturgist:** Steve Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The Sandra Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hostesses:** Judy Mehren & Lois McCauley

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

**Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent**  
 03/06 8:30 am The God We Can Know Study in the 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 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 03/07** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 6:00 pm Worship Committee in the Parlor  
**Tue 03/08** 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  
 5:30 Trustee Committee in the Library  
 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 03/09** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor  
 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\*\*  
 6:30 Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center meal  
**Thu 03/10** 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 6:00 pm Chatterbox Supper Group @ Capri, 313 E. State St.  
 6:00 Loaded Brush 2016 @ Rkfd Woman's Club, 323 Park Ave.  
**Fri 03/11** 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  
**Sat 03/12** 9:00 am UMM District Breakfast @ Grace UMC, 3555 McFarland  
**Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent**  
 03/13 8:30 am The God We Can Know Study in the Parlor  
 9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery  
 9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
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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!** March 6, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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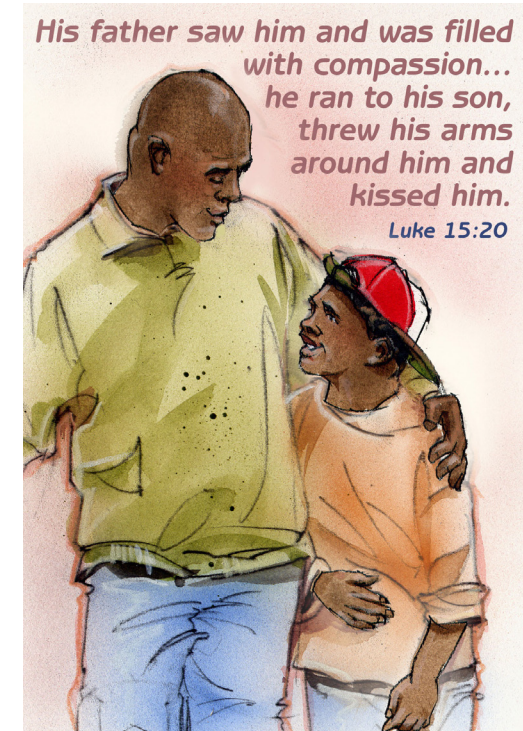
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If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.  
 Thank you for helping our environment!




ORDER OF WORSHIP  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Worshiping  
 While  
 We  
 Walk



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.

4th Sunday in Lent  
 March 6, 2016