

First Service of the Resurrection



ALLELUIA! Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Charles Wesley

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.

*Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016
6:00 a.m.*

THE FIRST SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION

The Fire is kindled outside the Chapel at 5:55 am; building is in darkness.

The Service of Light

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

***All:* Eternal God, who made this most holy morning to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The paschal and congregants' candles are lit. Processional begins.

Pastor raises Paschal candle saying:

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our light.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Chapel candles are lit, lights turned on, the empty cross is revealed, processional candles extinguished.

HYMN UMH #303

“The Day of Resurrection”

The Service of the Word

Reading from the Psalter # 839, response 2

Psalm 118:14-24

Scripture Response UMH #100

“God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us”

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

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

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Life Under A Stone!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Organ Offertory

“Hallelujah, Let the Holy Anthem Rise”

Please rise as you are able.

Doxology UMH # 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Pastor: As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

***People:* I turn to Christ.**

Pastor: Do you repent of your sins?

***People:* I repent of my sins.**

Pastor: Do you renounce evil?

***People:* I renounce evil.**

Pastor: And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God, who made the world?

***People:* I believe and trust in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ?

***People:* I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

***People:* This is the faith of the Church.**

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Bless this water as a reminder and affirmation of our baptism. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***People:* Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pastor: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

***All:* And also with you. Alleluia!**

The Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

***All sing:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from
slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been
born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread...
And so, in remembrance of your mighty deeds in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All sing:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other and one in ministry to all the world.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All sing: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastor: Come, eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

On your way to receiving the Holy Eucharist, you are invited to affirm your baptism by dipping your hand in the water in the baptismal font, making the sign of the cross, as a symbol of the ultimate expression of Christ's love for the world. Then come to the Supper with thanksgiving in your heart.

HYMN UMH #638

"This is the Feast"

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #302

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Benediction

Jesus is alive! But, can those who "read" your life tell? Go in the power of the resurrection to live as Easter people in a Good Friday world knowing that God -- Father, Son and Spirit -- always goes with you. **Amen.**

Postlude

"Fugue a la Gigue"

~ *Dietrich Buxtehude*



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!

Court Street UMC will be closed Monday, March 28th.

Don't forget to check the calendar on the next page for additional events.

The Scrip committee reminds you **we have cash and carry cards (\$25 each) for Home Depot, Lowe's 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 UMC Church! Thank you and hope to see you at the Scrip table.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on March 30th!

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



To all the new and seasoned volunteers of our Garden Bazaar...we need people on Thursday, May 12, at 9:30 in the morning to help sort and organize the pre-orders. On Friday, May 13, we need people at 7:30 AM to set up, from 9-3 to help sell, and at 3 PM to take down. May 14 we need people to set up at 7:30 AM, sell from 9-1, and take down/clean up at 1 PM. Please contact Perky at 815-519-7520 or at church on Sunday's. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our "old faithfuls"!!

Money Smart Week Events @ CSUMC

April 26 Church Dining Room at 5:30 PM

Jeff Klinger will speak on The A's, B's C's and D's of Medicare

April 27 Room 209 at 5:30 PM

Keith Barrett will speak on "How Money Works and it's Secret to Financial Success.

Come to N. Main Culver's on Monday, April 25th, 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 Youth Programs. To earn more funds for our church, purchase Culver's cards from our Scrip program.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Women's Crisis Center- To Prepare and Serve meals on Wednesday, April 13th. Please Call Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518.

Join in a Prayer Service in the Spirit of Taizé! Friday - April 15th at 7:00 p.m, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St.

Don't miss the Ecumenical Choir Festival, with guest conductor Timm Adams! Saturday, April 16th, from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at Court St. UMC. Register for this event at whatwich@gmail.com (Fee for the event is \$15). Ecumenical Praise Service takes place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16th, @ CSUMC as well. All are welcome!

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday Easter Sunday

03/27 **6:00 am** **Sunrise Worship in the Chapel**
 9:00 **Easter Egg Hunt on 3rd Floor**
 10:00 **Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary**

Mon 03/28 **CHURCH CLOSED - HAPPY EASTER!**

Tue 03/29 **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
 11:00 **Adult Computers, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor**
 6:00 pm **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 7:00 **Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209**

Wed 03/30 **8:00 am** **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 4:00 pm ****Holy COW!** -- See Announcements**

Thu 03/31 **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**
 4:00 **Rockford University Event in the Dining Room**

Fri 04/01 **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 04/02

Sun 04/03 **9:00 am** **Lamplighters in Room 209**
 9:00 **Sunday School, Room 104, Nursery**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Children's Choir in the Choir Room**
 11:15 **Fellowship Time in the Narthex**
 11:30 **Christian Ed Committee in the Dining Room**
 12:30 pm **Youth Lunch in the Dining Room**
 1:00 **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 305**
 2:00 **Stick Ministry**
 3:00 **Confirmation Class in the Dining Room**
 3:00 **Youth Group in the Youth Center**

*Please join us as we continue celebrating Christ's Resurrection
in the Sanctuary today*

10:00 Easter Celebration
Mark Nelson Brass Ensemble
Chancel Choir
JuBellation
Children's Choir



MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</i>
Miriam Castro-Rodriguez	<i>Deacon</i>
Ryanne Ludington	<i>Christian Education Director</i>
James L. Crow	<i>Director of Arts Ministries</i>
James Marck	<i>Director of Music</i>
Teresa Field	<i>Parish Nurse</i>
Diane Lutmer	<i>Nursery</i>
Verlette Gorman	<i>Church Co-Administrator</i>
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