

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Ringing of the Bell

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

### § Call to Worship

Leader: What a beautiful thing to be called to worship!

**People: What a gift to come together in praise!**

Leader: We are different people with different lives and different stories.

**People: But, in Christ, we are one.**

Leader: So, as one, we come and worship our God.

**People: As one, we set aside our differences, and focus on our shared identity in Christ.**

Leader: Let us come together in worship.

**People: Let us come together in praise.**

Leader: Join now in worship.

**People: Let us come together because we are one in him.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

verse 1: *All*                      verse 4: *Men*  
verse 2: *Women*                verse 5: *All*  
verse 3: *All*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns                      *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading From The Psalter UMH # 862                      Psalm 150  
**UMH #862, response 1: "Alleluia! Christ is Risen"**

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. 245                      Revelation 1:4-8

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn FWS #2017                      "Come, Rejoice in God"

Sermon                      "Let God Be God"                      *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "My Song is Love Unknown" ~*Wayne Hatwich*

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

*Please remain standing as you are able*

## 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.*

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH#384

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

### § Benediction

Leave this place in peace, trusting in the God who goes before you and with you and who will never leave you: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude                      "O Sanctissima"

**Fellowship Time in the Narthex - Join us for cake in celebration of Geri Ryan's Birthday!**

**Next Sunday, April 10th, 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.

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 UM Church! Thank you and hope to see you at the Scrip table.

**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"!!



**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!

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

### Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) on April 6th

**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



**Don't forget Garden Bazaar pre-orders & payment are due April 12!** Make checks payable to Court St. UMC. Flowers can be picked up May 13 & 14 at the church.

### April 24th -Parlor at 11:30

Oak St. Health Center is hosting a seminar on Diabetes and High Blood Pressure

### Money Smart Week Events at 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 even 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 will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16th, also at CSUMC. All are welcome!

TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Gary & Doris Noble     **Liturgist:** Georgalee George  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team     **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley     **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Judy Mehren

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

**Sunday 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 Meeting in the Dining Room  
12:30 pm Youth Lunch in the Dining Room  
1:00 Youth Homework, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor  
1:00 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 305  
2:00 Stick Ministry in the Youth Center  
3:00 Confirmation Class in the Dining Room  
3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center  
**Mon 04/04** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
**Tue 04/05** 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  
1:00 pm Jeremiah Development Exec. Board in Library  
5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
6:00 "Take Back Rockford" in the Dining Room  
6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room  
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209  
**Wed 04/06** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209  
4:00 pm \*\*Holy COW!\*\* -- See Announcements  
**Thu 04/07** 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
1:00 pm Rockford Police Presentation in Dining Room  
**Fri 04/08** 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 04/09** 8:30 am UMM Breakfast Meeting at Stockholm Inn  
**Sun 04/10** 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 UMW Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room  
1:00 pm Youth Homework, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor  
1:00 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 305  
2:00 Stick Ministry in the Youth Center  
3:00 Confirmation Class in the Youth Center  
3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Center

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**WELCOME!**

April 3, 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

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter  
April 3, 2016