

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Lilacs" ~Sergei Rachmaninoff

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: What does it mean to worship?

People: Worship is the adoration of our God, and so we come to adore him.

Leader: Why do we come here with voices raise, to join in praise and song?

People: Because God has created us, and loved us unconditionally.

Leader: What more reason do we need to respond with the worship of our lives?

People: Because God redeemed us and called us his own.

Leader: I invite you to join together now as we lift up our glorious God.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #103 "Immortal, Invisible, Go Only Wise"

verse 1: All verse 4: Men

verse 2: Women

verse 3: All

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

§ Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 505 Psalm 30

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. 248 Revelation 5:11-14

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn FWS #2072

"Amen, Amen"

Sermon "I Believe..."

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

~Michael Praetorius

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

Please remain standing as you are able

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #638**

"This is the Feast of Victory"

§ Benediction

We have worshiped here today; yet all of life is worship.

Work, play, speak, sing, live -- all for the glory of our great

Creator. Go now and worship.

Postlude "Fugue in D major" ~Max Reger

**For those that made reservations -
Spring Fling dinner is in the dining room following service!**

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.

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line

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.



Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) on April 13th!

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

April 24th -Parlor at 11:30

Oak St. Health Center is hosting a seminar on Diabetes and Nutrition

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: Marie Lewis **Liturgist:** Richard Wang
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 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 Dining Room
	3:00	Youth Group in the Youth Center
Mon 04/11	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	11:00	Stewardship Committee in the Library
	4:30 pm	SPRC in Room 209
	6:00	Worship Committee in the Parlor
Tue 04/12	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	Trustees Committee in the Library
	5:30	Council Choraleers in the Chapel
	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 04/13	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	4:00 pm	**Holy COW!** -- See Announcements
	5:00	Set Up/Serve Women's Crisis Center Meal
Thu 04/14	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
	1:30 pm	Early Head Start in Room 100
	5:00	Finance Committee in the Library
	6:00	Chatterbox Supper Group @ Hope & Anchor, 5040 N. Second St., LP
Fri 04/15		Chimes DEADLINE
	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	Taize Ensemble at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
	7:00	Taize Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Sat 04/16	8:00 am	Ecumenical Choir Festival in the Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Ecumenical Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Sun 04/17	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
	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
	4:00	CSUMC's Book Club @ Diane's, 4850 Black Oak Trail

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WELCOME! April 10, 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

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Revelation 4:8

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.

3rd Sunday of Easter
 April 10, 2016