

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Preludio" ~Antonio Vivaldi

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Our Shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

People: We follow him because we know his voice.

Leader: Our shepherd is completely trustworthy.

People: He leads us to that which makes for abundant life.

Leader: In peace, we rest secure.

People: In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our shepherd's goodness.

All: The Lord is our shepherd. Thanks be to God!

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2070

"He is Exalted"

First Time: Choir

Second Time: Congregation

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. 501

Psalm 23

Hymn of Response "The King of Love"

~George Matherling

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. 249

Revelation 7: 9-17

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon

"I Believe..."

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"Toccata"

~Jan Pieters Sweelinck

§ 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 #306 "The Strife is O'er"

verse 1: All

verse 3: Men

verse 2: Women

verse 4: All

§ Benediction

We leave this place to hear -- and heed -- the voice of our Good Shepherd. He will never lead us astray but will lead us only to life, abundant and everlasting. Follow him with absolute confidence, for we are his sheep, redeemed by his own blood, loved from the foundation of the world. In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

Rondo

~Henry Purcell

Fellowship in the Narthex

Chançel Flowçrs are givçn...

...in memory of Sandra Hoke

by Bob Henbest



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 is Native American Ministries Sunday! In honor of Native American Ministries, we will be taking a special offering today. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Native American Ministries" 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"!!

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) on April 20th!

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



A representative from Oak St. Health will be giving a talk on Diabetes & Nutrition on April 24th. The talk will be in the parlor after the service, starting at 11:30. Question & answer time will take place. Participants may bring their refreshments

Get your blood pressure checked for free by our Parish Nurse, before and after worship on Sunday, April 24th!

Come to Culver's on N. Main 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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Marie Lewis **Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Tim Gorman **Fellowship Host:** The Breakfast Club

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday 04/17 NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY SUNDAY
 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
 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
 4:00 CSUMC's Book Club @ Diane's, 4850 Black Oak Trail

Mon 04/18
 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 11:00 Stewardship Committee in the Library
 6:00 pm Ad. Council in the Dining Room

Tue 04/19
 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
 6:00 pm JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209

Wed 04/20
 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

Thu 04/21
 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 4:00 pm Shakespeare Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Fri 04/22
 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
 4:00 Shakespeare Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sat 04/23
 7:00 pm Shakespearience: Legacy of The Bard in the Sanctuary

Sun 04/24
Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 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 Oak St. Health Seminar in the Parlor
 1:00 pm Youth Homework, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor
 1:00 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 305
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 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 17, 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.

4th Sunday of Easter
 April 17, 2016