

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude “Prelude to Te Deum Laudamus”
~Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Ringing of the Bell
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The incarnation is pure gift and mystery, God’s self-revelation.

People: Even though the Son was with God and was God, Christ did not cling to his divine natures or rights

Leader: Christ voluntarily chose to become human and walk among us.

People: Christ gave up the glory of heaven and emptied himself.

Leader: In humbleness and obedience, God put on human skin.

People: Now, the name of Jesus is the most important name on earth or in heaven!

Leader: People bow in reverence, singing praise and honoring Christ.

People: Let it be known in heaven and on earth: Jesus Christ is Lord!

All: Give glory to God for Jesus Christ is Lord!

§ Opening Hymn UMH #318

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

Christ is Alive

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. 582 Psalm 148
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 #2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 259 Revelation 21:1-6
Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn of Response UMH #726 O Holy City Seen of John
verse 1: All verse 4: Men
verse 2: Women verse 5: All
verse 3: All

Sermon “I Believe...”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory “Voluntary On The 100th Psalm Tune”
~Henry Purcell

§ 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 #731
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

§ Benediction

Children of God, you have believed and testified that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Go now in that faith, knowing that your salvation is secure. Carry with you the life and light that Christ has brought into your heart.

Proclaim to your world that redemption is for all. May the Spirit lead you, guide you and continually remind you of these truths. Amen.

Postlude The Heavens Declare ~Benedetto Marcello

Fellowship in the Narthex

Altar Flowers are given...
...in memory of the wedding anniversary of
Gwen and Leslie Thomas
by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest



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.

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”!!

Don’t forget the Bake Sale at our Garden Bazaar!

We need lots of bake goods. Boxes will be available in the Sanctuary Narthex following services April 24th. Please see Betty Seiter in the narthex and sign up. Baked goods need to be dropped off at church in the Chapel Narthex on Thursday, May 12 from 8 a.m. until noon.
Thank you. We all have our favorites!

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) on April 27th!

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 TODAY. The talk will be in the parlor after service, starting at 11:30. Question & answer time will take place. Participants may stop in the Narthex for refreshments & bring them to the Parlor.

Get your blood pressure checked for free by our Parish Nurse, before and after worship Today!

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.

