

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Chant de May" ~Joseph Jongen

Ringing of the Bell

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

### § Call to Worship

Leader: If you were not risen, Lord Christ, to whom would we go to discover the radiance of the face of God?

**People: If you were not risen, we could not be together to seek your communion.**

Leader: We would not find in your presence forgiveness, well spring of a new beginning.

**People: If you were not risen, where would we draw the energy for following you right to the end of our existence, for choosing you again and anew?**

Leader: Let us worship the One who lives!

\*Based on a prayer by Brother Roger of Taizé, *Life From Within* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990), 26.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 529 Psalm 67

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 21:1-10, 22:5

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

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

Hymn of Response UMH #722

I Want to Be Ready

Sermon "I Believe..."  
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory "The Heavens are Telling"  
~Ludwig van Beethoven

§ 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.

#### Communion Hymns

FWS #2204 "You Are the Light of the World"  
"Ave Verum" ~W.A. Mozart

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth #428  
For the Healing Of the Nations

§ Benediction  
Friends, go from this place knowing that the risen Christ goes ahead of you. There is no one you will encounter, no circumstance you will face, no event that will occur that is beyond the redemptive reach of our risen Lord. For Jesus is already there, at work, drawing all the world to himself. In that power, you are sent to be messengers of his grace and love. Amen.

Postlude "March in D" ~J.S. Bach

### 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 baked goods. Boxes will be available in the Sanctuary Narthex following services. 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!

#### Last Holy COW (Church On Wednesday) of the Season! on May 4th!

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



TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Bob Henbest      **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team      **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
**Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer      **Liturgist:** Leta Gerber  
**Fellowship Host:** Judy Mehren & Lois McCauley

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

<b>Sun 05/01</b>	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
	12:00 pm	Youth Lunch in the Dining Room
	12:30	Youth Homework, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor
	12:30	Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 305
	1:30	Stick Ministry in the Youth Center
	2:30	Confirmation Class in the Youth Center
	2:30	Youth Group in the Youth Center
	<b>Mon 05/02</b>	9:00 am
<b>Tue 05/03</b>	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
	12:00 pm	Nurture & Outreach Program in the Dining Room
	1:00	Jeremiah Dev. Exec. Board in the Library
	6:00	JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
	7:00	Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
	7:00	Council Choraleers in the Dining Room
<b>Wed 05/04</b>	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
<b>Thu 05/05</b>	5:15	Money Smart Meeting in Room 209
	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
<b>Fri 05/06</b>	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
<b>Sat 05/07</b>	1:30 pm	Early Head Start in Room 100
<b>Sun 05/08</b>	9:00 am	Lamplighters in Room 209
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**WELCOME!**      May 1, 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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

Worshipping 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.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 May 1, 2016