

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Pastoral ~ Herbert Sumison

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as a covenant people for worship, praise and prayer.

People: We gather because the tomb is empty and Christ is alive.

Leader: Though physically absent from us, the Spirit of Christ is here.

People: Because Christ is with us, he gives us his peace.

Leader: He replaces our doubt with faith and our fear with hope.

People: He opens our minds to understand the scripture.

Leader: He reminds us of what we have seen and heard.

People: He calls us to be his witnesses.

Leader: We gather to worship so that we may be sent.

People: We go in his time, to live his plan, using his ways, not our own.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #312 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Verse 1: All

Verse 3: Choir Only

Verse 2: All

Verse 4: All

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 118 Acts 1:1-11

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. 91

Luke 24:44-53

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Song for Mother's Day

The Heavens Are Telling ~L.V. Beethoven

~Chancel Choir Men

Sermon "I Believe..."

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Creation Song

~Children's Choir

§ 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 #327

Crown Him With Many Crowns

§ Benediction

As Jesus was lifted up and disappeared in a cloud, the disciples were asked a question: "Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go." In the meantime, friends, while we wait for his return, there is work to be done. Go. Go to share the love of Christ, to bind the wounds of the brokenhearted, to be peacemakers, to tell what you yourselves have seen and heard -- that Jesus Christ offers forgiveness and salvation to all. Amen.

Postlude

Capriccio Cucu

"Lively Cuckoo"

Fellowship in the Narthex



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.

The Scrip committee reminds you **we have cash and carry cards for Target, AMC Theaters, Mobile Gas, Dick's Sporting Goods and Gordon Foods** for all of your Mother's Day and Graduation needs! 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!

On April 24th, Natalie Musso, daughter of Teresa King Musso and Tom Musso, grand daughter of Brian and Randiann King and great grand daughter of Elizabeth King, competed in the State Tumbling Championship in Rock Island, IL. We are proud to announce she took first place in her age bracket and is now the 2016 State USTA Champion! Next stop will be the National Championship in Knoxville, TN in June. Way to go, Natalie!

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Bill & Betty Seiter **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Dan Boon **Liturgist:** Cindy Anderson
Fellowship Host: The Breakfast Club

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 05/08	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
Mon 05/09	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	11:00	Stewardship Committee in the Library
	4:30 pm	SPRC in Room 209
	5:00	Council of Ministries in the Parlor
	6:00	Worship Committee in the Parlor
Tue 05/10	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 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
Wed 05/11	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
Thu 05/12	9:00 am	MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
	9:30	Early Head Start in Room 100
Fri 05/13	5:00 pm	Finance Committee in the Library
	6:00	Chatterbox Supper Group @ Prairie St. Brew House @ 200 Prairie St.
	GARDEN BAZAAR	
Sat 05/14	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
Sun 05/15	1:30 pm	Early Head Start in Room 100
	GARDEN BAZAAR	
Sun 05/15	8:30 am	UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn
	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
	12:00 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	

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WELCOME!

May 8, 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) _____

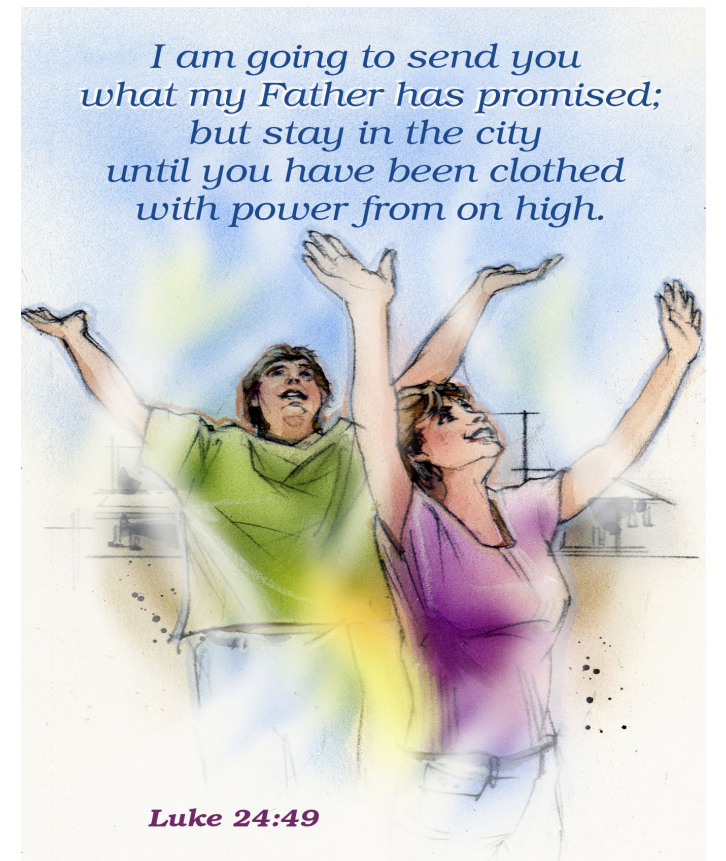
E-mail _____

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

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.

7th Sunday of Easter
 May 8, 2016