

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Bird in the Garden" ~ James H. Rogers

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come near, all of you here, for Christ is with us.

***People:* Christ Jesus welcomes us here with love.**

Leader: Come near, all of you, for Christ has come to us with forgiving and renewing love.

***People:* God's love comes to us now in this time of praise and celebration.**

***All:* We have come here in this holy place to celebrate life in God's abundance and to know God's redeeming love for our lives.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #145 "Morning Has Broken"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #806 Psalm 85

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 835 Hosea 1:2-10

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response UMH #141 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Court Street's Summer Road Trip

Journeys with the Prophets

Hosea Hiatus #8

"Three's A Charm"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "A Southland Song" ~ William Lester

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

§ Benediction

May God's Spirit always journey with us. May God's Spirit lift our burdens and give comfort in all our troubles. May God's Spirit be our companion and trailblazer as we move out into the world as followers of Jesus our Christ. May the world know we are the disciples of Jesus, living in the world, creating the world fresh and new. ***Amen.***

Postlude "Old Irish Air" ~ L. Etherington

Fellowship in the Narthex

Announcing special guest artist, David Stocker, who is going to help us during our "Amazing Grace" Musical experience from August 1st thru the 5th! Mr. Stocker is a State of Illinois Artist-in-Residence whose work has received numerous educational grant awards. He is a Masters graduate of the Yale University of Drama. As an actor and singer, he has performed throughout the US and abroad. For this camp, he will be offering daily sessions on instrument-making, story-telling, and musical performance. So don't delay! Register now to save your spot! You can even email the church office to send you a form:

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We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Today we will take a special offering to benefit Rosecrance's Launch to Life Campaign, which will support a new counseling and recovery residence in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Court Street UMC, with 'Rosecrance' written on the memo line.

Don't wait too long to register for one or both of Court Street's camps for youth in grades 1 through 8 -- see your insert. Registration forms are in the Narthex and the Church Office -- drop in the offering plate or bring to the office.

7/25 Methodist Monday Reminder: Stan & Joan Tunnell
Don't forget to notify maintenance staff what time you will be doing it so the sign, chairs, & table will be ready for you!

Don't forget to bring new or gently used children's books for ages 5-10 to be given to students at Haskell Academy. Thank you for your faithful contributions to help these youth!!

Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class is starting up again on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning this Tuesday, July 26th, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come and participate *for free* as CSUMC joins with Haskell Academy and the Phantom Regiment to offer a highly-disciplined course in the study of rhythm at the *elementary- and middle-school level.* **To sign up for Rockford Rhythm (Ages 12-16): Visit www.rockfordrhythm.org.** **THIS program is \$50 per session, meets Mondays in Court Street's gym, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** *Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class feeds into the Rockford Rhythm (Ages 12-16) program.*

Are you ready for a new experience? Try serving Communion. It's a way to remind ourselves of the Covenant we have with God, and serving others Communion can give you an amazing feeling. It is easy to do, the training is short, and you will have a choice of dates to serve. If you're interested, please contact Nancy Stanis, 815-654-0045, or contact the church office, 815-962-6061.

Save the date: Sunday, October 2nd. Homecoming 2016, A Great Gathering of the Lord's People will take place at CSUMC from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You will not go away hungry! Help us celebrate doing God's work for 164 years!

FOOD-FUN-FELLOWSHIP returns on Thursday, August 4th, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Invite your friends for a friendly game - maybe chess, bridge, or ????? -- and share a bite to eat as you get to know each other better. All are welcome!

Turn over to check the calendar on the back for additional events.

