

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 and Fugue in F major" ~ J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ **Call to Worship** ~ Based on Isaiah 55

Leader: Come, all who thirst, come to the waters!

People: Come, all who are parched from daily struggles.

**Come and taste the refreshing drink of life
only God can offer.**

Leader: Why do we spend our money
for that which is not bread
and work for that which will never satisfy us?

**People: We have wasted far too many earthly resources
on things of no heavenly worth.**

**ALL: Let us worship the God of blessing
and true abundance!**

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #101**

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #803 Psalm 81:1-10

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

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message *Ryanne Ludington*

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 699 Jeremiah 2:4-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response UMH #450 "Creator of the Earth and Skies"

Court Street's Summer Road Trip

Journeys with the Prophets

Jeremiah Jaunt #13

"Drink Up! There's More Where That Came From!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "DUKE STREET" ~ Homer Whitford

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

Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

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 Meditation

"O God, Who Lookest Down from Heaven" ~ Wilhelm Zachau

"Andante from Pathetique Sonata" ~ L.V. Beethoven

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2197**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

§ **Benediction**

God, of your goodness, give us yourself, for you are sufficient for us. We cannot properly ask anything less, to be worthy of you. If we were to ask less, we should always be in want. In you alone do we have all. **Hallelujah and Amen.**

~ Julia of Norwich (1342-c.1416), English mystic

Postlude Fugue in G minor ("The Little") ~ J.S. Bach

**Fellowship in the Narthex - Please join Don & Joanne Swinson
in celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary!**



Altar Flowers are given with...

...Congratulations to Jim Crow on his retirement

from a long and wonderful teaching career,

& to Ryanne Ludington for beginning

her new and exciting teaching career by Georgalee George.

A tithe is a one-tenth part of something, paid as a contribution to give thanks. The Stewardship Committee is asking you to take the time to calculate the monetary sum of which you are receiving into your household. Next, determine the amount of a weekly tithe. On Sunday, September 25th, we are inviting you to present the weekly tithe for the offering plate. The Stewardship Committee's intent is to dedicate September 25th, as a celebration of all that God has provided. At the same time, we pray that for us, as individuals, to gain a sense of how a tithe affects us – both financially and spiritually!

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



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!

United Methodist Women's Luncheon, Sept. 7th, Noon

~ Our guest speaker will be our own James Marck, Music Director. He will give us an update on the new music program he brought to Court Street. Please **call in your reservation (and those of any friends or family you wish to bring) by TOMORROW, the 5th.** Cost is \$7 per person. Geri Ryan, UMW President, 815-877-2141.

Choir rehearsals start this next week - NEW & USUAL members are welcome! Check calendar on back for times.

On Sunday, September 11th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There will be 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.

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social ~ Come for fellowship and free ice cream on Sunday, September 11th, as we gather on the lawn at 1404 Thoren Lane, Rockford. Bring your lawn chair; held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New Small Group Study ~ **Believe** by Randy Frazee is the sequel to The Story, and grounded in Scripture. A spiritual growth experience that helps Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus. You don't have to have studied The Story to participate. A 30 session study, **beginning Sunday, September 11th, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.,** taught by Pastor Cal. Order your hardbound book for \$13 by signing up in the Narthex on the counter or the Church Office during the week. Sign up for the study guide for \$9 more.

Holy COW! (Church On Wednesday)

begins Wednesday, September 14

4:00 - Ray Rhoads' Class (Library)

To say it is quite trite – change is everywhere. What about theology? Well, it's changing too...too fast, too often and too much for many persons. So, then, let's examine our theology. That is what the Wednesday class is all about – examining, discussing and questioning theological beliefs.

The first read, appropriately, is Predicament of Belief: Science, Philosophy, Faith, written by Phil Clayton and Steven Knapp. Within its 150 pages you'll encounter a seven-course intellectual feast – tasty and palatable but digestible! You'll be nourished – but no fat or sugar!

After digesting Predicament we move on to the main meal - The Understanding of Christian Faith, Schubert Ogden. He will guide us as we consider seven major articles of belief. You'll be well fed.

You are cordially invited – remember there are no prerequisites! Come as you are – eagerly inquiring about your faith!

5:30 - Dinner by Diane (Dining Room) \$3.50/person

6:00 - Mens' Fellowship (Parlor)

