

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Fifteen Pieces for Organ, No. V ~ Marcel Dupre
Ringing of the Bell
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, give us generous hearts ...
to share whatever gift it is that you have given to us

All: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: To acknowledge you as the giver and source of life.

All: Gracious God, give us grateful hearts.

Leader: To give without counting the cost ...

All: Gracious God, give us unselfish hearts.

Leader: To share without expecting something in return ...

All: Gracious God, give us compassionate hearts.

Leader: To hold all of our treasures with open hands ...

All: Gracious God, give us freed-up hearts.

Leader: To have gospel priorities ...

All: Gracious God, give us loving hearts.

Leader: To recognize the abundance of blessings
in each passing day ...

All: Gracious God, give us seeing hearts.

Leader: To fall more deeply in love
with the God of all generosity.

All: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

--Adapted from Joyce Rupp,

Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment
(Notre Dame, Ind.: Ave Maria Press, 1985).

§ Opening Hymn UMH #559

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys Rev. Calvin Culpepper
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 540 Psalm 79:1-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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 - New Testament p. 79 Luke 16:1-13

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

“O Rest in the Lord” ~ Ken Medema

A Life of Service

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Fifteen Pieces for Organ, No.II ~ Marcel Dupre

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

§ Benediction

Loving God, yours is the beauty of creation and the good things
you have given us. Help us to go forth this day joyfully in your
name and to spend it in loving service of you and our neighbor.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever. **Amen.**

--A Shorter Morning and Evening Prayer

(London: Collins Liturgical Publications, 1987), 222.

Postlude

Allegro in Eb

~ J.S. Bach

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar flowers are given...

...in memory of the beloved Les Thomas’ birthday, September 20th,
by Gwen Thomas Memorial.

Memory Verse for this week

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

~ Psalm 121:1-2 (NRSV)



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

Believe by Randy Frazee is grounded in Scripture, and a
spiritual growth experience that helps Christians of all ages think, act,
and be more like Jesus. On **Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45**
a.m., taught by Pastor Cal; anyone can join.

Holy COW! (Church On Wednesday) September 21

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, dis-
cussing and questioning theological beliefs. You’ll be well fed.*

*You are cordially invited – remember there are no prereq-
uisites! Come as you are – eagerly inquiring about your faith!*

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

6:00 - Mens’ Fellowship (Parlor)

**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!

**Annual District Revival & Fall Workshops on Sunday, September
25, at Faith UMC, Freeport.** WORKSHOPS 2:30-3:45: 1) Tell the
Story —Media Equipment, 2) Tell the Story —Using Social Media,
3) Tell the Story —Using Media in Worship, and 4) Tell the Story
—A Website for your Church. REVIVAL & CELEBRATION at 4:00
pm. Our service together will showcase a cardboard testimony. Please
come ready to share one way the Gospel is being communicated to the
world in your location! Register today for this FREE event at: [www.
umcnic.org/RockfordRevival2016](http://www.umcnic.org/RockfordRevival2016).

**Homecoming 2016: A Great Gathering of the Lord’s People on
Sunday, October 2nd.** Gather together at the Table, Renew old friend-
ships, Make new friends, View our partnership in Downtown Rockford
revitalization. You are invited for refreshments in the Parlor at 8:30,
Sunday School at 9:00, Worship at 10:00, & lunch at 11:30. You will
not go away hungry! At the Homecoming Celebration Worship Service
we will have a table called “The Sharing Table” where you may share a
picture, an item of interest, a memory, an idea or a suggestion. Please
label with name and contact information so it (they) may be returned
to you, if necessary.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeters: Fred & Judy Mehren **Liturgist:** Robert Wandell
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore **Facetime Hosts:** The Schmitts

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/18 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School: Pre-K-grade 5 in 104, Grades 6-12 in Balcony West
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room
 12:30 pm Dowel Rod Ministry in the Sanctuary
 1:15 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 2:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 4:00 Family Concert & Dinner in Sanctuary & Dining Room
 Mon 09/19 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 11:00 Food-Fun-Fellowship Committee in the Library
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach in the Dining room
 2:15 Nurture & Outreach Bulb Sorting
 6:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room
 6:00 Rockford Rhythm (12-16) in the Gym
 Tue 09/20 8:30 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
 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 Wed 09/21 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 9:30 Deborah Circle @ Nancy Doran's, 2212 Midway Dr.
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Judy Mehren's, 1803 Claremont Rd.
 4:00 pm Holy COW! -- **see announcements**
 6:00 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center
 Thu 09/22 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 Fri 09/23 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:00 Image Class in the Library
 12:00 pm MAYA's House Lunch in Dining Room
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 Sat 09/24
 Sun 09/25 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School: Pre-K-grade 5 in 104, Grades 6-12 in Balcony West
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in Room 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room
 11:30 Christian Ed Committee in the Dining Room
 12:30 pm Dowel Rod Ministry in the Sanctuary
 1:15 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 2:00 JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor
 2:30 Rockford District Revival, Faith UMC, Freeport

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.

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WELCOME! September 18, 2016
We're glad you're worshiping 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 _____

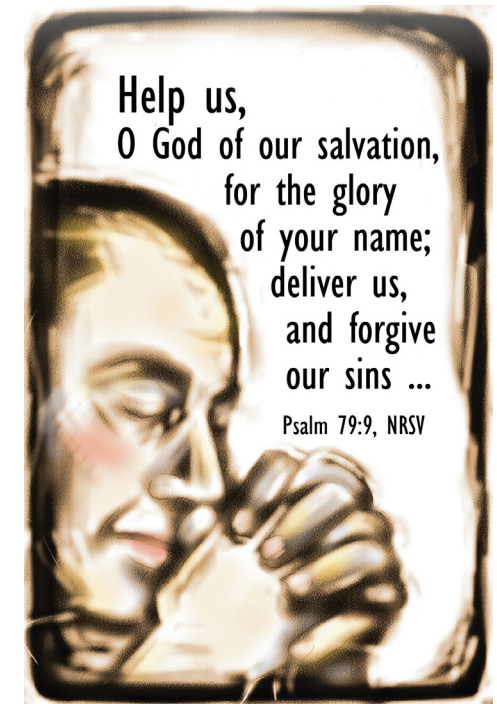
If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Forging

a
 Family of Faith



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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 18, 2016