

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Carter Anderson, clarinet

Ringing of the Bell
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

§ Call to Worship

Call: We live in a world that says
we must look out for ourselves.

Response: We live for you and you alone.

Call: The values of our culture tell us that
we should seek glory and fame.

Response: We live for you and you alone.

Call: The demands of our time, attention and money are many.

Response: We live for you and you alone.

Call: We want to live Kingdom lives that
show you to the world.

Response: We live for you and you alone.

Call: Take our lives, may they be fully yours.

Response: We live for you and you alone.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys Rev. Calvin Culpepper
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #810 Psalm 91

Response to Psalm 91
"Welcome to the Grace Place"
From "Amazing Grace" by Karen Dean Fry
Hannah Whitmore, soloist

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 79 Luke 16:19-31
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem "The Gift to Be Simple" ~ Arr. by Bob Chilcott

A Life of Provision
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Christe, Redemptor omnium"
(Christ the redeemer of all)

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth "Let Us Go to the House of the Lord"
From "Amazing Grace" by Karen Dean Fry
Hannah Whitmore sings verses
Children's Choir & Congregation sing refrain

§ Benediction
May almighty God, the giver of every good and perfect gift,
bless and keep you forever. May God's unwavering grace be
for each of us a very present help now and always. Amen.

Postlude "Creation Song"
Children's Choir

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar flowers are given...

...in loving memory of Myrl Fisher's birthday today
by Mabelann Fisher.

Memory Verse for This Week

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your
own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one
may boast.

~ Ephesians 2:8-9 (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!

We are pleased to have the Children's Choir enhance
our worship service today, and pray that you have been blessed
as well. Donations to Performing Arts Camp have helped fund this
liturgical enhancement. If you wish to donate specifically to this, you
may do so by designating your gift to go to 'Performing Arts Camp'.

A tithe is a one-tenth part of something, paid as a contribution to
give thanks. The Stewardship Committee thanks you for taking the
time to calculate and give God's portion of the monetary sum of which
you are receiving into your household. We celebrate all that God has
provided. We pray that all of us have gained a sense of how a tithe
affects us – both financially and spiritually!

Annual District Revival & Fall Workshops TODAY at Faith UMC,
Freeport. WORKSHOPS 2:30-3:45 with REVIVAL & CELEBRA-
TION 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!

Holy COW! (Church On Wednesday) September 28

4:00 - Ray Rhoads' Class (Library)

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

6:00 - Men's Fellowship (Parlor)

Next Sunday, October 2nd, we will celebrate World Communion
Sunday and take a special offering. Half of the offering will go toward
scholarships for international and US graduate students, 35% goes to-
ward the Ethnic Scholarship Program for undergraduate students, and
15% goes toward the Ethnic In-Service Training Program for racial-
and ethnic-minority people seeking second careers in church-related
vocations.

On Sunday, October 9th, at 11:45, we will have a review of CPR and
use of an AED. We will start with a light lunch in the Dining Room on
the lower level (with free-will donations going towards the youth pro-
gram). Lunch will be served by our youth before we watch a video and
have a hands on program given by Heart Solutions. **Pre-registration is
required no later than Tuesday, October 4th**, by calling the office or
emailing: teresafield@courtstreetumc.org.

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

Greeter: Marie Lewis **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Dan Boon
Acolyte: Brooklyn Davis **Facetime Hostess:** Kay Galloway

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 09/25 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School: PreK-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
 5:30 Youth Cookout @ 10834 Meadowsweet Ln., Roscoe
 Mon 09/26 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 6:00 pm Rockford Rhythm (12-16) in the Gym
 Tue 09/27 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
 10:00 Bulb Planting at Haskell Academy
 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
 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 Wed 09/28 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 4:00 pm Holy COW! -- **see announcements**
 Thu 09/29 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307
 Fri 09/30 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
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:30 pm Bates/Morse Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary
 Sat 10/01 3:00 pm Bates/Morse Wedding in Sanctuary
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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 25, 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 _____

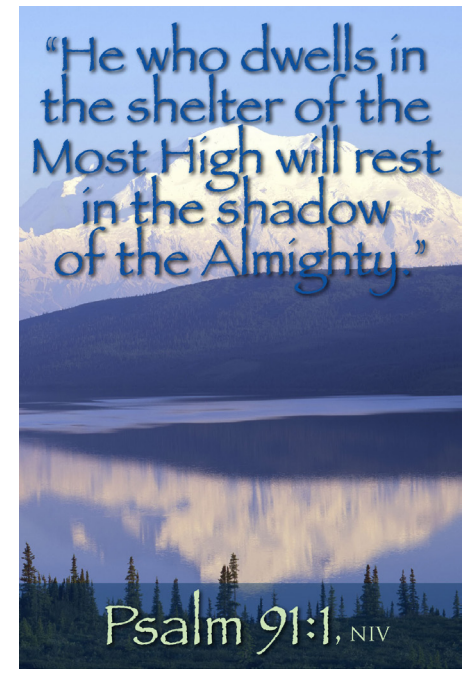
Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____

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.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
 September 25, 2016