

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Thank-You Performance  
Council Choraleers  
Dorothy Paige-Turner, Director

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship ~ Karin Bacon, Houston, Texas

Leader: When our eyes fail to see  
that which you seek to reveal,

**People: Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.**

Leader: When our ears hear, yet our minds understand not,

**People: Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.**

Leader: When the truth stares us in the face  
and we remain deceived,

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O Lord,  
that our souls may live in you.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #173

**“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

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 #819 Psalm 99

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. 236 2 Peter 1:16-21

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

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Anthem “This Little Light of Mine”

“Focusing on the Word to See Our Way!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

### COVENANT PRAYER

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,**

**Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things**

**To thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God,**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**

**Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,**

**Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Ricercar ~ Johannes Pachelbel

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #451 **“Be Thou My Vision”**

§ Benediction

Go forth with steady step as you face the days ahead. Live, certain that in many ways, God provides faith for darkened hours, courage in despairing nights, and calm in depressing circumstances. Revel in your joys, recall your blessings, walk in the light. **Amen.**

~ E. Lee Phillips, *Prayers for Worship*  
(Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1979), 136.

Postlude “Run With the Light of Christ” ~ arr. Kerner

Facetime by the Big Bell

### Memory Verse for This Week

*“Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy.”*

Psalm 99:9



### Altar flowers are given...

...in memory of three wonderful Methodist women:  
Rhea Van Sickle, Kay Biddle, and Mary-Kay Allen  
by Lorna Wakefield.



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!

**Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus** by Mike Slaughter, will be our study book during Lent. Who was Jesus, really? Wasn’t the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn’t associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn’t it still? Renegade Gospel challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus. **Order your book now from the church office for \$10; lg print is \$11. Study begins Sunday, March 5, 11:30 a.m., in the parlor - all are welcome!**

*Don’t forget to pick up your Lenten Offering folder in the Narthex*

**Plan now to participate in one of our Ash Wednesday services on March 1st to mark the beginning of Lent.** Pastor Cal will distribute ashes in the sign of the cross at noon and again at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” - a sobering reminder that we have such a short time here on earth.

**No Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on March 1st**

**Pancakes & Praise for All Ages** ~ Join us for Pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee, & more in the Dining Room on Sunday, March 5, at 8:00 a.m. - all for a free-will donation. Then stay for 9:00 Praise in the Chapel as we see the fruits of our Praisin’ & Prayin’ Puppets hard work in putting together “Celebrate Jesus” and “Peace Like a River”. Geared especially for those who like a more contemporary flavor of worshipping God - open to all!

**For the month of March, Nurture & Outreach is collecting small hand lotions and chap sticks for Haskell Academy kids.** There is a box in the Narthex for your contributions.

**Plan now to attend the Bradley University Chorale Concert on Saturday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.** Free-will offering.

**Do you love to sing?** Join in AGO’s Choral Festival & Service of Ecumenical Praise on Saturday, March 25th, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., here at Court Street UMC by contacting James Marck, our music director, with your intent to participate. Purchase a music packet for \$25 at Rande’s Music, 4116 Morsay Drive. If you don’t want to be in the choir, but do want to hear the results of the workshop, plan on attending the Praise Service in our Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. that Saturday. A free-will offering will be taken during the service for future festivals & AGO scholarships.

**For Love Rockford on April 29th, we are accepting men’s, women’s and children’s clothing of all sizes, belts, socks, but NO footwear of any kind.** Anyone who has already donated footwear can either take them back or leave them, and they will be donated to another organization. Bring donations to Room 109, across from CSUMC’s office.

*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!**

February 26, 2017

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

- Greeter:** Jan Mace
- Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team
- Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
- Facetime Hostesses:** Donna Dow, Judy Mehren
- Liturgist:** Randiann King
- Sound Tech:** Brian King
- Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

- Sun 02/26 Transfiguration Sunday**
  - 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 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 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
  - 1:15 Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary
  - 2:00 JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
- Mon 02/27**
  - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
  - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Tue 02/28**
  - 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
  - 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
  - 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Dining Room
  - 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Balcony
  - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
  - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- Wed 03/01**
  - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
  - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
  - 10:30 UMW Mission Team meeting in Room 209
  - 12:00 pm Distribution of Ashes in the Chapel
  - 5:30 Distribution of Ashes in the Chapel
  - 6:15 Knitting Group @ Jan Mace's, 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
- Thu 03/02**
  - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
  - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
  - 2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
  - 2:30 Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Fri 03/03**
  - 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
- Sat 03/04**
- Sun 03/05 1st Sunday in Lent**
  - 8:00 am Pancakes in the Dining Room
  - 9:00 Praise in the Chapel
  - 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
  - 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 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 "Renegade Gospel" Study in the Parlor
  - 12:30 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

**F**orging  
a *Family* of **Faith**



*You will do well  
to be attentive to this  
as to a lamp  
shining in a dark place ...*

*2 Peter 1:19, NRSV*

*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.

*Transfiguration Sunday  
February 26, 2017*