

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

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

Litany of the Lenten Candles

Reader: We have a wonderful God!

***People:* Those of us who honor and trust Him
can see all the blessings He has for us.**

Reader: Praise God for his great kindness,

***People:* For He answers our cries for help.**

Reader: As we extinguish the first Lenten candle, we are reminded that we all are in sin. But God's gift of Christ has made us acceptable to God, and as a result, we can have eternal life. Even though sin ruled through death, God rules over all through Christ.

Reader: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks, praise, and glory for your love and kindness shown through your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us this Lenten season to truly prepare our hearts for fellowship with you. ***Amen.***

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2138

"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 2 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People 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

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2270, refrain

"He Has Made Me Glad"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 156

Romans 5:12-19

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

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

Hymn of Response UMH #364

"Because He Lives"

"Lent, a Time to Conquer: Death!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please refer to the 'Baptism & Reception of New Members' insert.

Baptism

Matt Stephen Zimmer

Reception of New Members

Ekela Cheko

Fatuma Eeca

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ Doxology UMH #95 "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 Music

"How Great His Love" - Chancel Choir

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #269, verses 1-3

"Lent, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

§ Benediction

As we go forth from this place on our Lenten journey, let us be mindful that the cross of Christ calls us to rise to our greater selves. Pick up the cross, my friends, and follow faithfully this week in the footsteps of the one who has gone before: the one who is, who was and who forever shall be, Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Postlude

Facetime by the Big Bell

Memory Verse for This Week

*"For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,
so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."*

Romans 5:19



Altar flowers are given...
...in honor of LuAnn Walters' 82nd Birthday
by John Walters & Vince Manella.



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 TODAY at 11:30 a.m. in the parlor - all are welcome!**

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

Come to a 30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, March 8th, in the Chapel and hear Rev. Jim Gibbons on 'Discovering the Rebel Jesus,' based on Mike Slaughter's book, 'Renegade Gospel.' Afterwards, get a light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on March 8th!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. • Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. • Dinner by Diane - Dining Room - \$3.50/person

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. • Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor

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 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Free-will offering.

Get Your Green On! Come to our Dining Room Friday, March 17th, at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy a tasty Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner made by Geri Ryan. Dinner includes potatoes, carrots, soda bread, & desert. Then at 6:30 enjoy live entertainment which will include an Irish sing-along. All of this for \$10 per person; \$5 for children ages 6 & under. See James L. Crow for tickets.

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 at the Service for future festivals & 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!

March 5, 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

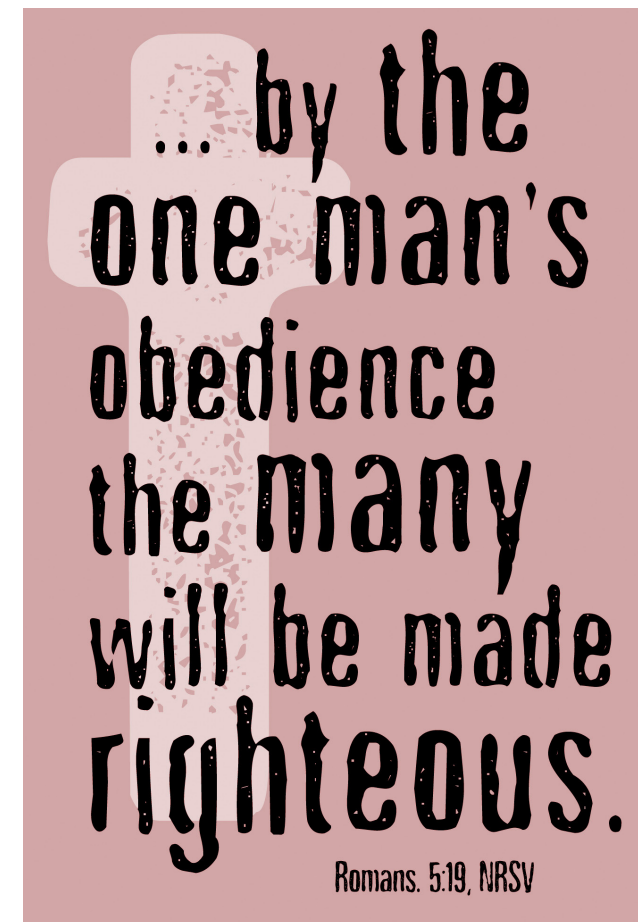
- Greeter:** Nancy Doran
- Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team
- Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
- Facetime Hostesses:** Kay Galloway, Barb Adam
- Acolyte:** Martin Leonard
- Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
- Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
- Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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
 - 1:15 Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary
- Mon 03/06**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Tue 03/07**
 - 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
 - 1:00 pm Jeremiah Executive Board in the Library
 - 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 - 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Balcony
 - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- Wed 03/08**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 12:00 pm 30 Minute Lenten Worship in Chapel
 - 12:30 Lenten Luncheon in the Dining Room
 - 4:00 Holy COW! -- **see announcements**
- Thu 03/09**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
 - 6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ GreenFire, 6795 E. Riverside
- Fri 03/10**
 - 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 03/11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS TONIGHT**
 - 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St.
 - 1:00 pm Bradley University Chorale arrives
 - 7:30 Bradley University Chorale Concert in Sanctuary
- Sun 03/12 2nd Sunday in Lent**
 - 9:00 am Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 in 104; grades 6-12 in Balcony West
 - 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
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 - 11:30 Christian Education Committee in the Dining Room
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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.

*1st Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2017*



Baptized unto the Lord
Matt Stephen Zimmer

Received into Membership
Ekela Cheko
Fatuma Eeca

March 5, 2017



Court Street United Methodist Church
215 N. Court St. - Rockford, IL 61103

Rev. Calvin Culpepper, Pastor

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism
& Reception into Membership**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy church.

We are included into God's mighty acts of salvation,
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION of Candidate for Baptism

Matt Stephen Zimmer

RENUNCIATION of Sin and Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses Matt, Ekela, & Fatuma:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? ***I do.***

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves? ***I do.***

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ offers
to people of all ages, nations, and races? ***I do.***

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve
as Christ's representative in the world? ***I will.***

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ? ***We do.***

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these people now before you in your care?

***With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.***

***We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.***

***We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.***

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father? ***I believe in God.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? ***I believe in Jesus Christ.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? ***I believe in the Holy Spirit.***

THANKSGIVING Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the
ark through water, and after the flood

you set in the clouds a rainbow, as a sign of your promise.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb,
baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit.

Jesus called disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare God's works to the nations, His glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and this man who receives it,
to wash away his sin,
and receive clothes of righteousness throughout his life,
that dying and being raised with Christ,
he may share in Christ's final victory.

***All praise to You, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.***

BAPTISM

Matt, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

RECEPTION into THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Pastor addresses Ekela & Fatuma:

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? ***I will.***

RECEPTION into COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST

The Pastor addresses Ekela & Fatuma:

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness? ***I will.***

WELCOME from the Congregation

*We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.*

*As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries
of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.