

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude *In virtute tua, Domine*
(In Thy Strength, O Lord)
Grzegorz Gorczycki

In thy strength, O Lord, the just man shall rejoice: and in thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly. Thou hast given him his heart's desire. (Psalm 21:1,2)

Ringing of the Bell

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

Litany of the Lenten Candles ~from Psalm 121:1, 2, 8

Leader: Where do we find help?

People: All help comes from our Creator God.

Leader: How much will God protect us?

People: God will protect us always and everywhere.

Leader: As we extinguish the second Lenten candle, we are reminded that we can never earn God's kindness. It can only be obtained through faith. This is a promise that was given to Abraham and his descendants. Therefore, this promise is for us as well. (*Extinguish 2nd candle.*)

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, we do not deserve your kindness - but we say that based on who we are and what we have done. Your acceptance of us is based on our faith in you. Only then are we found worthy. Increase our faith, O Lord, Our God, who redeems through Jesus Christ. Amen.

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #116** "The God of Abraham Praise"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 10 Genesis 12:1-4a

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. 154 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn of Response FWS #2196

verse 1: *All*

verse 3: *All*

verse 5: *All*

"We Walk by Faith"

verse 2: *Women*

verse 4: *Men*

"Lent, a Time to Conquer: Fear"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

Sicut Cervus

(As the Hart Longeth)

G.P. da Palestrina

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. (Psalm 42:1)

§ **Doxology UMH #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2008**

"Let All Things Now Living"

§ **Benediction**

Created in the image of God, redeemed by the cross of Christ, empowered by God's Spirit, we are sent -- sent to live as faithful, loving stewards of God's gracious gifts of life, hope and joy. **Amen.**

Postlude

Hehlelooyuh

James Furman

Facetime by the Big Bell

We welcome the Bradley University Chorale this morning as they join us in worshipping God.

We thank them for enhancing our worship experience!

Memory Verse for This Week

"For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith."

Romans 4:13



The White Roses are given...

...in loving memory of Alexander Rhoads

by Ray & Margaret Rhoads.

The Altar Flowers are given...

...in honor of the 140th anniversary of the birth of the Rev. John J Wang by Rev. Dr. Richard & Jeanine Wang.



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!

TODAY we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert in this bulletin to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

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. **All are welcome in the Parlor after worship today!**

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

Come to a **30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, March 15th, in the Chapel and hear Pastor Cal** on 'Revolutionary Lifestyle,' 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 15th!

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.

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 12, 2017

We're glad you're worshipping 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

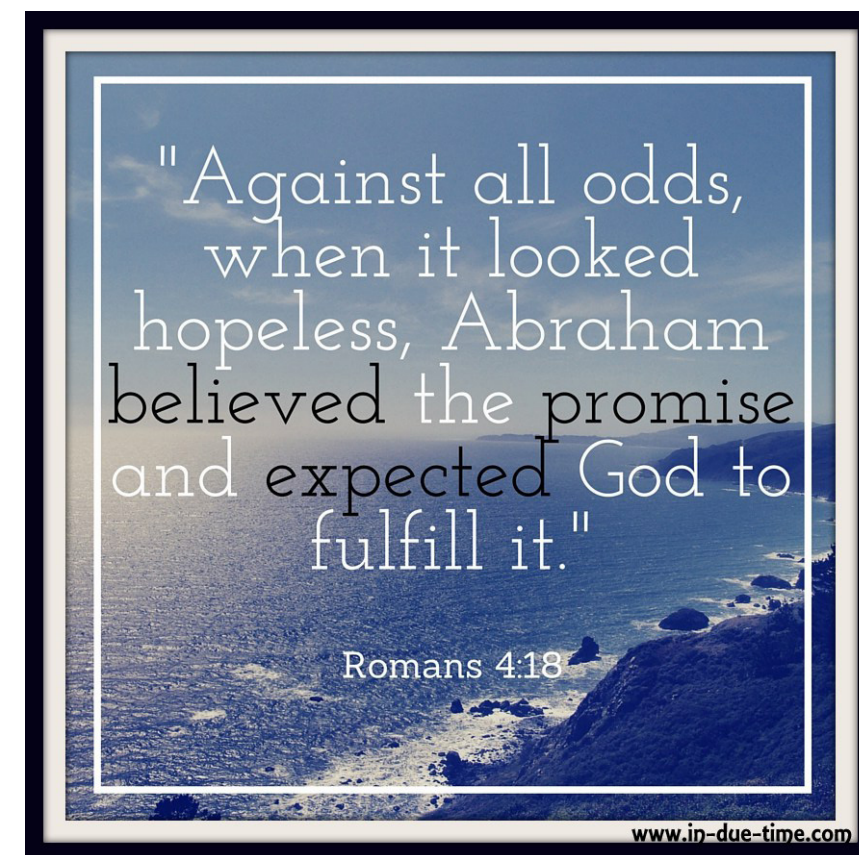
- Greeter:** You & Me
- Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team
- Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
- Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club
- Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
- Sound Tech:** Tim Welk
- Van Driver:** Dan Boon
- Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 03/12 2nd Sunday in Lent**
 - 9:00 am Sunday School PreK-grade 5 (104); grades 6-12 (Balcony W)
 - 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 - 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
 - 9:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 - 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 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 - 11:30 Christian Education Committee in the Dining 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 03/13**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
 - 4:00 SPRC in Room 209
 - 6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor
- Tue 03/14**
 - 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 Trustees in the Library
 - 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Balcony
 - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- Wed 03/15 Chimes DEADLINE**
 - 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**
 - 5:30 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center
- Thu 03/16**
 - 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
 - 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
- Fri 03/17**
 - 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 'Get Your Green On' Dinner Theater in Dining Room
- Sat 03/18 Rockford District Lay Academy @ Lanark UMC**
 - 7:30 am N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center
- Sun 03/19 3rd Sunday in Lent / Rockford District Lay Academy**
 - 9:00 am Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 (104); grades 6-12 (Balcony W)
 - 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
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 - 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4850 Black Oak Trail

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.

*2nd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2017*