

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Miniature Suite: Prelude ~ James H. Rogers

Ringing of the Bell

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

Litany of the Lenten Candles ~ from Psalm 95:2, 3, 7

Leader: With thankful hearts, let us worship God.

People: He is the greatest over all.

Leader: We are the people of God.

People: So we need to listen to Him.

Leader: As we extinguish the third Lenten candle, we recall that we are not alone in our suffering. God understands. We need to learn how to endure in our suffering so that our hope will never waver in the light of God's love. (*Extinguish 3rd candle.*)

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, sometimes it is too easy to give up in our suffering and spiritually walk away from You. Give us strength and confidence to endure so that through our hope Your glory of eternal life may be realized. Amen.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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. 64 Exodus 17:1-7

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. 155 Romans 5:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ~ Allen Pote

“Lent, a Time to Conquer: Despair”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Miniature Suite: Intermezzo ~ James H. Rogers

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #731**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

§ Benediction

Children of God, you are loved. You are called, you are chosen and you are redeemed. Though you have done nothing to deserve it, you have been given free and unconditional mercy. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you and change you as you draw nearer to Christ and the cross this Lenten season. Go now and live in the truth of the gospel. **Amen.**

Postlude Miniature Suite: Toccata ~ James H. Rogers

Facetime by the Big Bell

Memory Verse for This Week

“We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”

Romans 5:3-4



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

It's time for another Quilt Raffle with the winner to be chosen on Sunday, May 21st. See Quilters for your chance to be the winner. \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Proceeds to benefit Court St. and its outreach ministries.

Come to a **30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, March 22nd, in the Chapel and hear Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart** talk about 'The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer,' based on Mike Slaughter's book, 'Renegade Gospel.' Afterwards, have a light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.

Prayer nurtures our faith, encourages spiritual growth. Join Rev. Dick Wang on Wednesdays, March 22, 29, and April 5, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dining Room as we study 'Near the Cross, A Lenten Journey of Prayer' by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. Book available for \$9 in Office.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on March 22nd!

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.

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 Randee'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.

Court St. Jesters are coming Saturday, April 1 - more info coming

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

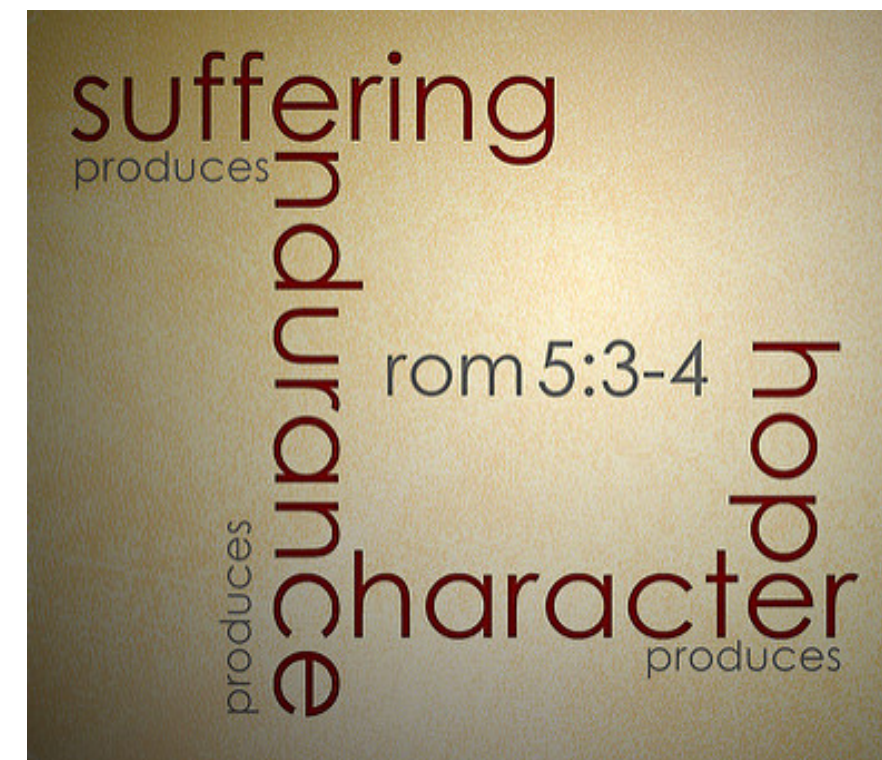
Greeter: Beverly Maus **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman
Facetime Hosts: Donna Dow, Judy Mehren
Acolyte: Ella Anderson

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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
 - 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 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 - 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
 - 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4850 Black Oak Trail
- Mon 03/20**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 11:00 Stewardship Committee in the Library
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
 - 5:00 Finance Committee in the Library
 - 6:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room
- Tue 03/21**
 - 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
 - 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Balcony
 - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- Wed 03/22**
 - 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 03/23**
 - 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 Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Fri 03/24**
 - 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 03/25**
 - 9:00 am Rockford Rhythm in the Gym
 - 9:00 AGO Choral Festival in the Sanctuary
 - 4:00 pm Ecumenical Praise Service in the Sanctuary
- Sun 03/26 4th 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
 - 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
 - 2:00 JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
 - 3:00 Rockford Christian Fellowship Band Concert in Sanctuary

ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Forging
a *Family* of **Faith**



WELCOME!

March 19, 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 _____

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.

*3rd Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2017*