

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Praeludium" ~ Deitrich Buxtehude

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord from the heights!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #312 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Saint Francis, UMH #481

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #748, response 1

Psalm 16:5-11

Epistle Reading - New Testament p. 232 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

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

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

Ryanne Ludington

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ Gospel Lesson - New Testament p. 115 John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to John.

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

"Peace Be With You"

Rev. Dr. Richard Wang

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Hymn UMH #98

"To God Be the Glory"

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #303 "The Day of Resurrection"

§ Benediction

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

PEACE I leave with you;

MY PEACE I give to you."

Postlude "Lo, the Winter is Past" ~ Marcel Dupré

Facetime by the Big Bell

*We thank Rev. Dr. Richard Wang
for leading us in worship today
while Pastor Cal is on vacation.*

Memory Verse for This Week

"By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3



Altar flowers are given...

...in memory of the wedding anniversary
of Gwen & Leslie Thomas on 4/26
by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest.



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!

Come to the N. Main St. Culver's (1224 Bennington Rd.) on Monday, April 24th, from 5 - 8 p.m. for 'Share (Scoopie) Night.' Have some delicious food and treats as well as a delightful social time with your friends. All funds raised will be split between our United Methodist Men and our Youth Programs. To earn even more for our church, purchase Culver's cards from our Scrip program.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on April 26th

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

Love Rockford's Apr 29 date is fast approaching. You can contribute to the success of the day by donating clean, gently used clothing for adults and children. Room 109, which is next to the parlor, is unlocked on Sundays and during office hours to receive your donations. You can also assist by volunteering to sort donated items or set up in the gym on April 25 or help with the Clothes Closet on THE day, April 29th. Call Debbie at SecondFirst (815-963-8431) and let her know. Thanks!

After a winter break, Food, Fun & Fellowship returns on Thursday, May 4th. We meet from 10:00am until 2:00pm with a light lunch break about noon. Then back to more fellowship and games in the lower level Court St Youth Activity Center. This is about Fellowship – all ages – friends – neighbors - enjoying some time together and getting to know someone you only say "Hi" to on Sunday morning. Does Bridge interest you? Maybe ping-pong, or a variety of board games, puzzles, cribbage? Have a game you would like to share? Feel free to bring it.

TO ALL THE NEW AND SEASONED VOLUNTEERS OF OUR GARDEN BAZAAR!!! Help is needed as follows: **May 18- Thursday..** in the morning to sort and organize the pre-orders. A definite time can't be given as to when the truck will arrive but it usually is around 9:30-10:00. Dear Geri has rolls and coffee to feed us while we wait. **May 19-Friday...**We need people at 7:30 to set up, from 9-3 to help sell, and at 3 to take down. **May 20-Saturday...**We need people to set up at 7:30, sell from 9-1 and take down/clean up at 1. Please contact Perky (815-654-2956) or Karen (815-742-4716) if you can help. You can work any portion or length that works for you. We would love to have new volunteers as well as our "old faithfuls."

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

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

Children's Choir will present "100% Chance of Rain" & we will celebrate 50 year members on Sunday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.

Garden Bazaar is Friday, May 19, & Saturday, May 20

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!

April 23, 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

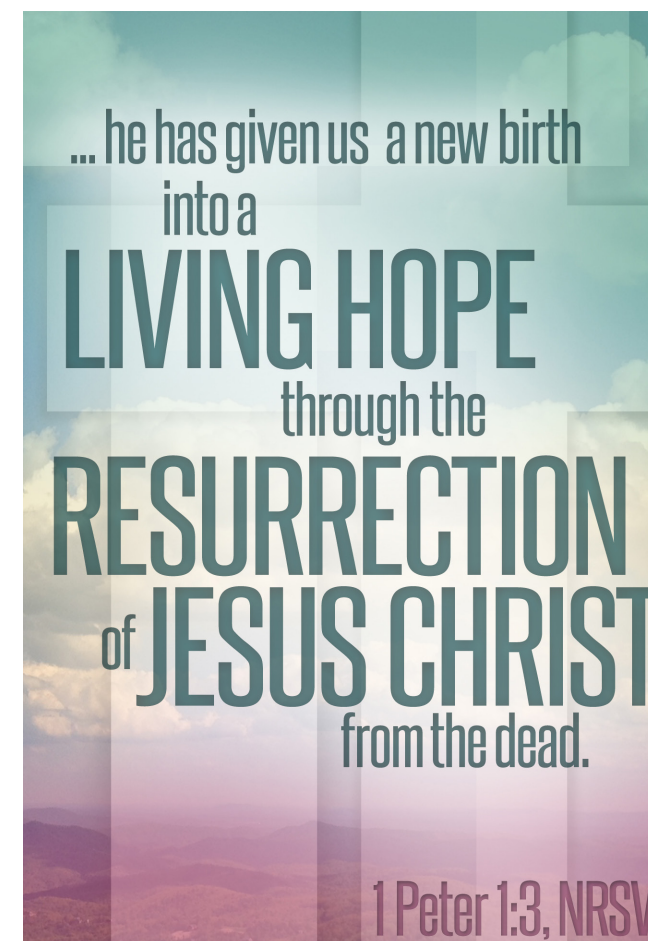
- Greeter:** Kay Galloway
- Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team
- Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
- Facetime Hostesses:** Donna Dow & Judy Mehren
- Liturgist:** Randiann King
- Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan
- Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 04/23 2nd Sunday of Easter**
 - 9:00 am **Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 (104), 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-Choir Room/Crafts in Dining Room**
 - 11:30 **Christian Education Committee in Dining Room**
 - 12:30 pm **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302**
 - 1:15 **Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary**
 - 2:00 **JFON Clinic on the Second Floor**
 - 4:00 **CSUMC Book Club @ 4134 Tumbleweed Trail, LP**
- Mon 04/24**
 - 8:30 am **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
 - 2:30 pm **Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307**
 - 5:00 **Share Night at Culver's, N. Main St.**
- Tue 04/25**
 - 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 Choir Room**
 - 6:15 **Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**
 - 7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 - 7:00 pm **Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209**
- Wed 04/26**
 - 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 04/27**
 - 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 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 - 2:30 **Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307**
- Fri 04/28**
 - 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**
 - 10:00 **Money 101 in the Parlor**
 - 1:30 pm **Early Head Start in Room 100**
- Sat 04/29 10:00 am LOVE ROCKFORD - Lower Level, Sanctuary**
- Sun 04/30 3rd Sunday of Easter**
 - 9:00 am **Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 (104), 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-Choir Room/Crafts in Dining Room**
 - 12:30 pm **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302**
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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.

*2nd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017*