

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Prelude in F Major" ~ Dietrich Buxtehude

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Loving and reconciling Jesus, you know what it is to be scorned.

Response: Listen to the cry of women, men, girls and boys everywhere. If we are scorned, give us confidence in your love.

Leader: Loving and reconciling Jesus, you know what it is to be denied and abandoned.

Response: Listen to the cry of women, men, girls and boys everywhere. If we are denied, affirm us. If we are abandoned, be our companion, stay by our side.

Leader: Loving and reconciling Jesus, you know what it is to feel pain and suffer.

Response: Listen to the cry of women, men, girls and boys everywhere. When we are in pain and suffer, salve our wounds with the balm of your spirit, comfort us with your undying compassion.

Leader: Loving and reconciling Jesus, you know what it is to dread death.

Response: Listen to the cry of women, men, girls and boys everywhere. When we dread death, give us your words of assurance.

Leader: Loving and reconciling Jesus, you know what it is to rise above death and enjoy the presence of the Almighty.

Response: Lift us, Jesus, to that same presence, to stand in your shadow before our Almighty God and sing God's praises.

From 'Jamaica Praying: A Handbook on HIV and AIDS Sensitive Liturgies and Sermons', produced by the United Theological College of the West Indies

§ Opening Hymn UMH #318

"Christ Is Alive"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #837, response 1 Psalm 116

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. 90

Luke 24:13-35

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hymn of Response UMH #454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

All sing verses 1, 2 & refrain of verse 3

"Traveling the Road"

Rev. Lora Zink

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ 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

All: Encircle us, O God. Keep love within, hatred out.

Encircle us, O God. Keep joy within, despair out.

Encircle us, O God. Keep peace within, disharmony out.

Encircle us, O God. Keep hopes within, discouragement out.

Leader: Go forth into this broken and hurting world with the blessing of the Father, the healing authority of the Son Jesus Christ, and the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Go forth and bring healing with you wherever you go!

All: Amen.

Postlude "Prelude & Fugue in C Major"

J.S. Bach

Facetime by the Big Bell

We thank Rev. Lora Zink for sharing her message with us and leading us in worship today.



Memory Verse for This Week

"I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live."

Psalm 116:1-2



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!

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on May 3rd

Only 2 more Wednesday nights for Holy COW!

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

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.

Local Missions will meet Monday, May 8, Noon, in the Wesley Willows Club Room.

We will again have the Garden Bazaar Bakery. Boxes will be available in the Narthex starting April 30th. See Betty Seiter or Diane Lutmer. We need volunteers to bake and volunteers to work the bakery portion of the bazaar on May 19 & 20.

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. Those members being honored are: Marabelle Carroll, Lynn Davis, Donna Dow, Jay Wilinski, Charlene Zantow, and Marvin Zantow.

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

Pancakes & Praise Service returns 8:00 a.m., Sunday, May 21.

Puppet Camp is Monday thru Friday, July 10-14, 9am-3pm.

Performing Arts Camp is 2 weeks, Monday thru Friday,

July 24-Aug. 4, 9am-3pm.

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 30, 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

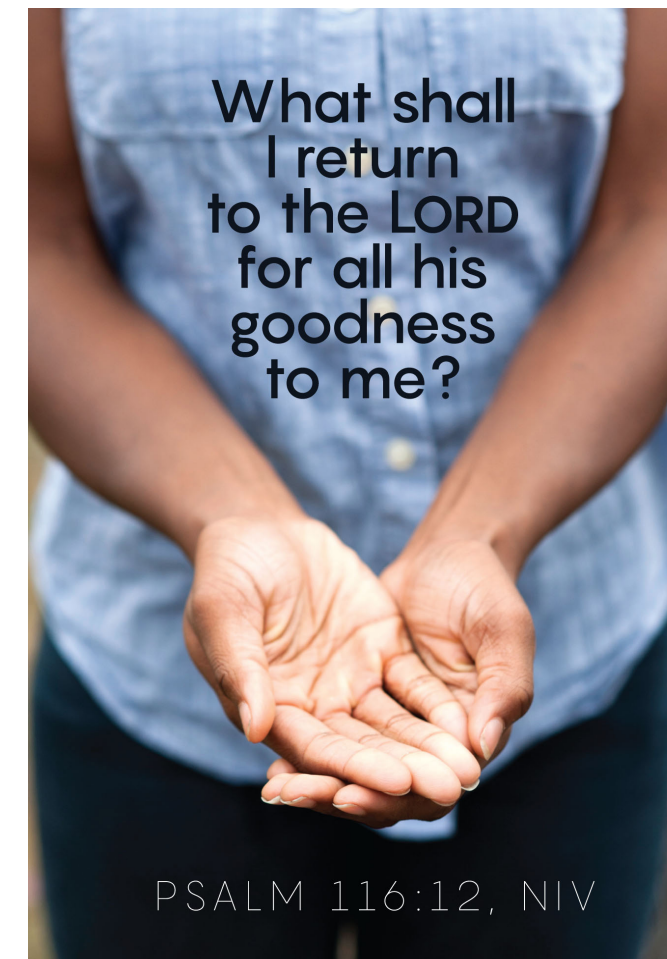
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| Greeter: Helen Anglemire | Liturgist: Randiann King |
| Ushers: The Sue Cram Team | Sound Tech: Brian King |
| Video Tech: Steve Ripley | Acolyte: Martin Leonard |
| Facetime Hosts: Geri Ryan, Kay Pang | Van Driver: Bob Lutmer |

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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-Dining Room
 - 12:30 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 - 1:15 Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary
- Mon 05/01**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
 - 3:00 All Staff Meeting in Room 209
- Tue 05/02**
- 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 Choir Room
 - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 - 7:00 pm Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
- Wed 05/03**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209
 - 4:00 pm Holy COW! -- **see announcements**
- Thu 05/04**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 10:00 Food-Fun-Fellowship in Dining Room/Youth Ctr
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Fri 05/05**
- 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 05/06**
- 9:00 am Rockford Rhythm in the Gym
- Sun 05/07 4th 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 UMW's Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room
 - 11:15 Children's Choir-Choir Room/Crafts-Dining Room
 - 12:30 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 - 1:15 Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary

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.

*3rd Sunday of Easter
 April 30, 2017*