

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Allein Gott In Der Höh' Sei Her'
All Glory Be to God on High ~ Armsdorf

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

People: God is calling us today.

Leader: Why is God calling us?

People: To be the church, people united by God in faith.

Leader: For what purpose would God do such a thing?

People: Because God has given each member a gift to share, so that if we all come together and lean on one another, then we can become all that God has called us to be.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #138

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

verse 1, 3, 5, 6: *All*

verse 2: *Women*

verse 4: *Men*

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #754, response 1 Psalm 23

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 #2026

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Gospel Lesson - New Testament p. 120 Acts 2:42-47

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Church In ACTION(s): Being Community!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Christ Ist Erstanden

Christ is now risen again ~ Heinrich Bach

§ **Doxology UMH #94 “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

“The Good Shepherd Has Risen” ~ James Marck

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #312**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Raise”

§ Benediction

We leave this place not as people who have all the answers. We leave this place not as people who are holier than others. We leave this place as people who have been shown a grace, a calling and a Savior who has changed our lives forever. We're filled with a joy that's too great to be kept to ourselves. Go forth as children of God and proclaim your faith. **Amen.**

Postlude

“The Little”

~ J.S. Bach

For those with reservations:

**United Methodist Women's Spring Fling Dinner
Following Worship Today
Dining Room**



Altar Flowers are given...

..in Thanksgiving for God's never-ending Love
by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

Memory Verse for This Week

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff— they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:4

Parents: Today is the last Sunday for 9:00 Youth Sunday School, 11:15

Children's Choir/Crafts, 12:30 Puppets, and 1:15 Sticks, until fall.

Next Sunday, May 14th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.



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!

During the month of May, contribute to the Bishop's Appeal for 2017 by putting money in the enclosed envelope labeled ‘Global AIDS Fund 2017 Bishop's Appeal’. The goals of this fund are 1) the prevention of mother-to-baby transmission of HIV, 2) the prevention of HIV in young people and high-risk populations, 3) increased access to HIV counseling, testing and treatment, 4) reducing the stigma and provide psychosocial support to people living with HIV.

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

May donation needs for Haskell Academy ~ The month of May has an outdoor activity theme. We will collect any kind of recreational equipment, for example--outdoor chalk, hula hoops, bean bags, jump ropes, frisbees, kites or bubble liquid. Thanks for your continued support.

We will again have the Garden Bazaar Bakery. Boxes are available in the Narthex. 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”.

See one of the Quilters for your chance to be the winner of the Quilt Raffle on Sunday, May 21st. \$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 NEXT SUNDAY, May 14, 10:00 a.m.**

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

Worship in the Spirit of Taizé is Friday, May 19, 6:30 p.m., at United Lutheran Church, 3630 Rockton Ave.

Taste of Centennial is Saturday, May 20, 4:00-6:00, free-will offering to support VBS. Taste the food of at least 15 countries represented in their church.

Pancakes (@ 8:00 am) & Praise Service (@ 9:00 am) returns 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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Karen Brown **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
Van Driver: Dan Boon

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 05/07 4th Sunday of Easter**
 9:00 am **Sunday School (last one until fall):**
 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 Dining Room**
 11:15 **Children's Choir-Choir Room**
 12:30 pm **Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302**
 1:15 **Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary**
Mon 05/08 8:30 am **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
 11:00 **Stewardship Committee in the Library**
 12:00 pm **Local Missions-Wesley Willows Club Room**
 2:30 **Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307**
 5:00 **Council of Ministries in the Parlor**
 6:00 **Worship Committee in the Parlor**
Tue 05/09 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**
 5:30 pm **Trustees in the Library**
 6:00 **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 7:00 **Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209**
Wed 05/10 8:30 am **MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103**
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
Thu 05/11 9:30 am **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 2:30 pm **Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307**
 2:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 6:00 **Chatterbox Supper @ The Olympic,**
 2327 N. Main
Fri 05/12 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 05/13 8:30 am **UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn,**
 2420 Charles
 10:00 **100% Chance of Rain Rehearsal-Sanctuary**
Sun 05/14 5th Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209**
 9:00 **'Believe' Study in the Parlor - last one!**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Forging
 a *Family* of **Faith**



... they broke bread
 at home and
 ate their food
 with glad and
 generous hearts,
 praising God and
 having the
 goodwill of all
 the people. Acts 2:46-47, NRSV

May 7 - June 4
The Church in Action(s)



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.

4th Sunday of Easter
 May 7, 2017

WELCOME!

May 7, 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 _____