

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Fifteen Pieces for Organ: Magnificat V ~ *Marcel Dupré*

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God, whose Spirit has cut across our lines of race and class, age and gender, to create one new people, we, your people, have gathered for worship.

***People:* Open our ears and eyes and hearts to the presence of your Spirit among us, that we might have the courage and vision to be the church.**

Leader: We are more than a group of people gathered for a meeting; we are the body of Christ, daring to worship.

***People:* We are gathered for worship, scattered through the world; that we might believe that what can happen in this hour might be life-changing, life-giving.**

Leader: By your Spirit, O Lord, remind us of who we are, lest we forget.

All: AMEN!

--Peggy A. Haynes, Be Thou Present:

Prayers, Litanies and Hymns for Christian Worship

(New York: Smyth & Helwys, 1994).

§ 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

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #790

Psalm 66:8-20

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”

Epistle Lesson - New Testament p. 137

Acts 17:22-31

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

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

Anthem

“If Ye Love Me”

~ *Thomas Tallis*

“Church in **ACT**ion(s): Revealing God!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Fifteen Pieces for Organ:

“I am black but comely, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem” ~ *Marcel Dupré*

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #312

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

§ Benediction

Go forth with steady step as you face the days ahead. Live, certain that in many ways, God provides faith for darkened hours, courage in despairing nights, and calm in depressing circumstances. Revel in your joys, recall your blessings, walk in the light. **Amen.**

--E. Lee Phillips, Prayers for Worship

(Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1979), 136.

Postlude

Fifteen Pieces for Organ: Antiphon I ~ *Marcel Dupré*

Facetime by the Big Bell

Memory Verse for This Week

“Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me.”

Psalm 66:20

Will you help us help others? The Midwest Mission Distribution Center provides opportunities for individuals and groups of all walks of life, denominational backgrounds, abilities, and ages to help provide disaster relief, education and medical supplies to those in need both locally, nationally, and internationally. **We are collecting bars of soap and individually-wrapped razors in the Narthex until June 4th.** The soaps and razors will be combined with other hygiene items to create Dignity Kits. **We pray for your support of the 2017 Mission Challenge for the UMC Northern IL Conference.**



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.

What Joyful Happenings at Court Street UMC do you remember or have you heard about? Please share with us as we celebrate 165 years of ministry with God by writing down any and all good happenings. Then submit by email (lorellewandell@courtstreetumc.org), drop in the offering plate, drop in the box in the Narthex, or mail to the Church Office. We will then share with everyone in some manner.

The Rock River Valley is sponsoring a Peanut Butter Rally to help with summer meals and snacks for children. The current rate of poverty in Rockford is 25%. We are requesting that you PURCHASE AN EXTRA JAR OR 2 OF PEANUT BUTTER on your next trip to the grocery store and DEPOSIT YOUR PURCHASE IN THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX. The city wide goal is 20,000 jars by June 9th. For further questions contact Barb Ferry at 815-965-6518. Thanks for your support. *The Local Missions Committee*

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

Food-Fun-Fellowship on Thursday, June 1, 10am-2pm, Dining Room

N IL Annual Conference from Sunday, June 4, to Tuesday, June 6

United Methodist Women’s Picnic, Potluck Picnic in church Dining Room, Wednesday, June 7, Noon.

Reception/Gathering for Newest Members on Sunday, June 11, after worship - more info to come.

Loaded Brush Luminaries, featuring Pastor Cal, on Thursday, June 15, 6-9 pm, @ Burpee Museum, \$30 per person.

Renewal @ Rock Cut State Park, Sunday, June 25, 10:00 a.m., with Potluck Picnic to follow.

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.

With Memorial Day, Father’s Day, graduations, and summer activities coming up, don’t forget Scrip cards! They can be used for gifts, to purchase party foods (GFS, Woodman’s, Valli, or Pinnon), or to help with needed lawn and garden supplies (Lowe’s, Menards, or Home Depot). Also, gas cards for Mobil and Shell are available for making road trips. Did you know with the Schnucks card you can build up a reserve to get cash off the price per gallon at Mobil gas stations in town? Thank you for your continued support of the program!

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	
Greeters: Dave & Diane Risley	Liturgist: Randiann King
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team	Sound Tech: Brian Meligan
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Acolyte: Hannah Whitmore
Facetime Hostess: Kay Galloway	Van Driver: Bruce Shindel

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 05/21 6th Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday**
- 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
 - 11:30 Christian Ed Committee in Dining Room
 - 2:00 pm JFON Clinic on 2nd Floor
 - 4:00 CSUMC Book Club
- Mon 05/22**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach in Dining Room
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Tue 05/23**
- 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
 - 6:00 pm JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 - 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
- Wed 05/24**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 6:00 pm Men's Fellowship in someone's home
- Thu 05/25**
- 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 05/26**
- 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 05/27**
- Sun 05/28 7th Sunday of Easter**
- 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
 - 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**



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.

*6th Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday
May 21, 2017*

WELCOME!

May 21, 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 _____