

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Gottes Sohn is kommen
 "Once He Came in Blessing"

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us. Do we hear him?

***People:* Sometimes, when the chaos of the world is quiet,
and we decide to listen.**

Leader: And how do we answer God's call?

***People:* We answer as Samuel did, "Speak LORD,
for your servant is listening."**

Leader: We worship today seeking to hear
and answer God's call.

***All:* Here I am, Lord. Hallelujah, Amen!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #718

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

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 #792 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

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. 118

Acts 1:6-14

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

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

Anthem "God Has Gone Up With a Shout" ~ *Hal Hopson*

"Church in **ACT**ion(s): Listening to Jesus!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Prelude in Eb Major ~ *Orlando di Lasso*

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #729**

"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines"

§ **Benediction**

Jesus, our Lord, came to earth to seek and to save those who were lost. He ascended into heaven and will return again someday. Until that time, he has commissioned us to share his love with the world around us. So as you go from this place today, may the truth of Jesus' words give you strength: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Go in peace. ***Amen!***

Postlude "Ascension" ~ *Camil Van Hulse*

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of All who have given their lives
for a better world by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

Memory Verse for This Week

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

Acts 1:8a

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.**

Thank you to our awesome volunteers who took time to extend a warm smile and friendly greeting to our church members upon entering our sanctuary during the cold winter months of 2017! You made my job so easy. If you have not yet volunteered or are seeking another opportunity to do so, please check your calendar for the following dates and let me know if you can serve in this capacity: July 23, 30, August 6, 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24. It takes so little time, yet adds so much to our church service. Dorothy Powell, 815-963-0728 or hiogolfer@comcast.net



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!

Last Sunday to 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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WELCOME!

May 28, 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

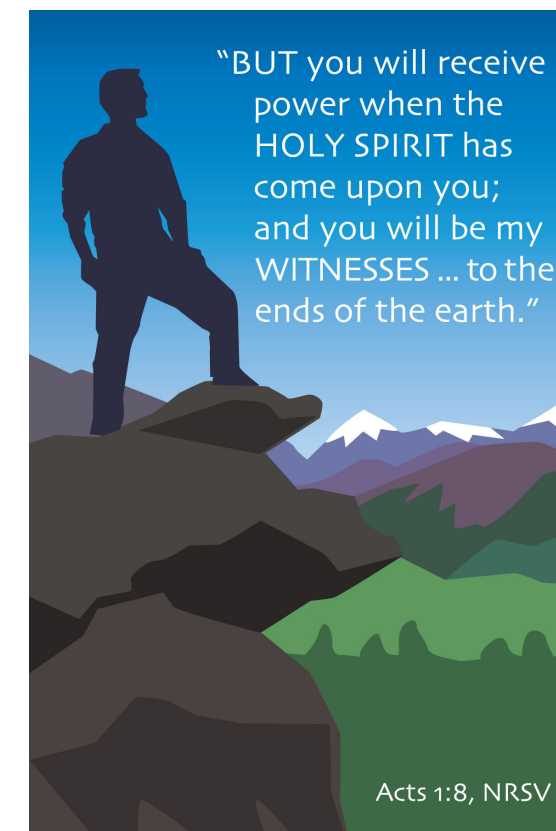
- Greeter:** Dorothy Powell **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
Facetime Hostesses: Dorothy Powell, Judy

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 05/28 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday**
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209**
 9:30 **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**
- Mon 05/29 CHURCH is CLOSED - Memorial Day**
- Tue 05/30** 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**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
- Wed 05/31** 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 06/01** 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 &/or Youth Center**
 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
- Fri 06/02** 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 06/03 9:00 am Rockford Rhythm in the Gym**
- Sun 06/04 Pentecost**
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 1:00 pm **N IL Annual Conference begins**

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.

7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday
 May 28, 2017