

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude “Here I Am to Worship” *Hillsong Worship*  
“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” *MercyMe*

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Great Healer and Savior,  
send your power upon this church.

**People: Touch our brokenness  
and lift us out of our routines.**

*Leader:* Walk with us on the paths of fear,  
so that we might know faith and courage.

**People: Wipe from us tears of sorrow  
and show us the joy of new opportunities.**

**All: Now together let us sing and give thanks  
and be filled with the wondrous Spirit of God.**

### § Opening Hymn “Shout to the Lord” *Chris Tomlin*

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
Pastoral Prayer  
**The Lord’s Prayer**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

**<sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; <sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.

**<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**<sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.**

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.

**<sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.**

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

**<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;**

**you alone are God.**

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your serving girl.

**<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

Hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”  
*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children’s Message *Ryanne Ludington*

Hymn “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 21:8-21

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

“The Good Old Days: Abraham, Sarah, Hagar ”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory “Falling on My Knees” *Joy Williams*  
Ryanne Ludington, soloist

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth  
“Shine, Jesus, Shine” *Graham Kendrick*

§ Benediction  
Lord God, you are great and you give us wondrous gifts. We go forth knowing of your strength and your Spirited Presence. And as we go forth, fill us with new vision and with a sense of purpose. May we serve God today and every day, knowing that God is for us. *Amen.*

### Potluck Lunch & Games

**We thank Krysta Tilges for all of her help  
in making the music and amplification happen today!**

### Memory Verse for This Week

“In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.”  
Psalm 86:7



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!

**Are you sometimes perplexed with Jesus’ teaching? Do you really want what he wants?** Bestselling author Kyle Idleman reveals that the key to the abundant life Jesus promised lies in embracing His inside-out way of life. Study “The End of Me” with us **beginning Thursday, June 29, 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor.** Only 4 weeks long and you don’t have to attend all 4. Two books available in Office for only \$8.50 each.

**MAY WE TAKE YOUR PICTURE?** We are creating a supplemental directory to include the pictures and contact information of our newest visitors and members. If you are not in the 2014 directory of our church family, we would love to include you. Please contact Georgalee George (815-877-2978), Gwen Culpepper (815-708-6383), or Jeanine Wang (815-218-1700), for more information, and to arrange a time to meet.

**Half-Truths. They are simple phrases.** They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We’ve all heard these words. Maybe we’ve said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. **Study begins Sunday, July 9, 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. 4 Books available for \$13.50 each.**

**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](mailto: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 next time you get a carry-out tray, please save it and bring it to the church.** We need them for a September project.

**Don’t forget to register for the Puppet Project Camp happening July 10-14.** Our Puppet Project is open to youth from 1st through 8th grade. To be held Monday through Friday, **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily, except for Tuesday, the 11th, when we hope to leave church at 7am to travel to Hinsdale for a puppet show.** Only \$25.00 per person.

### Save the Dates:

**July 24 - August 4, The Lion King Experience Performing Arts Camp**, performances on Sat. August 5, & Sun. August 6. All youth from 1st through 8th grade are invited to participate in our Performing Arts Camp, for two weeks, from Monday through Friday each week, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Only \$50.00 per person.

**August 20, Good Old Days Summer Celebration**, Lunch & Ice Cream Social after worship

*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.*

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

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**WELCOME!**

June 25, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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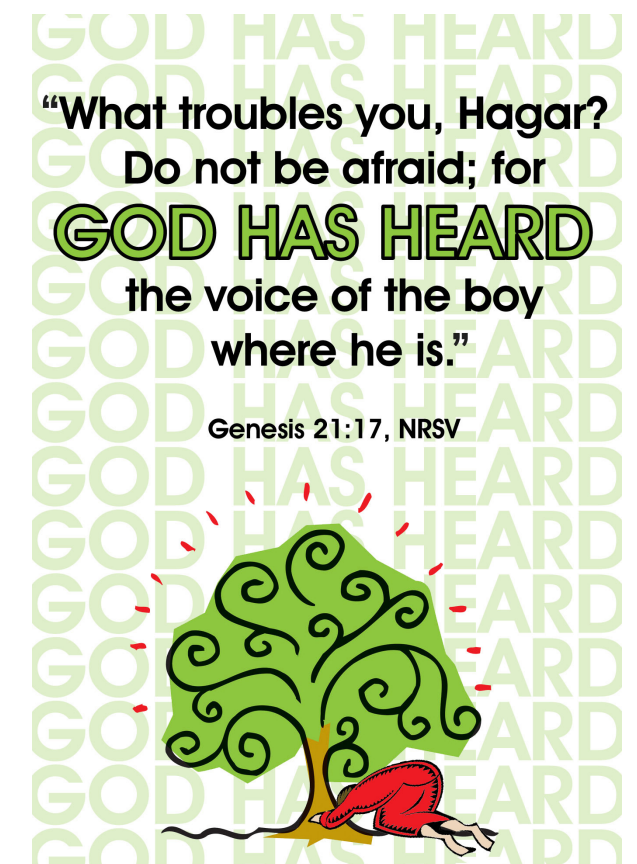
TODAY'S WORSHIP  
**Greeters:** Helen & Jim Gibbons  
**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team  
**Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

- Sun 06/25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:30 am Blood Pressure Check @ Shelter  
 10:00 Worship Service @ Puri Crest Shelter  
 11:15 Blood Pressure Check continues  
 11:15 Potluck Lunch & Games @ Puri Crest Shelter
- Mon 06/26 METHODIST MONDAY**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 5:30 pm YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor
- Tue 06/27**  
 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  
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym  
 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
- Wed 06/28**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 11:00 Youth Group from Evanston arrives  
 6:00 pm Men's Fellowship in someone's home
- Thu 06/29**  
 Youth Group from Evanston here  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 "End of Me" Study in the Parlor  
 6:00 pm RUM Annual Dinner & Meeting in the Dining Room & Chapel
- Fri 06/30**  
 Youth Group from Evanston here  
 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  
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
- Sat 07/01** Youth Group from Evanston leaves
- Sun 07/02 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

**F**orging  
 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 after Pentecost  
 June 25, 2017*