

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* This church opens wide its doors  
and bids you welcome to this time of worship.

**Women: We welcome you to this place of prayer.**

**Men: We welcome you to this house of God.**

*Leader:* We welcome you to this sanctuary of transformation.

**All: To the God who makes all things possible,  
let us lift our voices in praise!**

### § Opening Hymn FWS #2172

**“We Are Called”**

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 #854

Psalm 139

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”**

Old Testament Lesson - p. 25

Genesis 28:10-19a

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response UMH #418

**“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”**

**“The Good Old Days: Jacob ”**

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH &  
into the LOCAL CONGREGATION - *please see insert*

Teresa R. Field

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 FWS #2208**

**“Guide My Feet”**

§ Benediction

God is where you have been, where you are, and where you are going. Go forth therefore from this place in the certainty of God’s presence in your life no matter where or who you are. May you feel surrounded by God’s love in the promise of Christ: “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time.”

**Amen.**

Postlude

**Facetime by the Big Bell**

**We thank Dan Albrecht  
for sharing his musical gifts with us today!**

### Memory Verse for This Week

“Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Genesis 28:15

**Thanks to all of you who contributed peanut butter** to Rock River Valley Food Pantry's annual peanut butter rally. The goal of 20,000 jars was exceeded! Court Street Church donated 68 jars/100 pounds to help feed Rockford children during the summer months. May God bless you for your generosity.



**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!

**‘The Lion King KIDS’ Performing Arts Camp STARTS TOMORROW.** 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.

**Don’t forget to purchase Scrip when you are planning your end of summer shopping.** Walmart, and Target can be helpful when you are purchasing school supplies and clothes. Garden supplies can be fulfilled with Menards, Lowes or Home Depot cards which are always on hand. We have many restaurant cards which can come in handy on those hot summer nights when you don’t want to cook. Let’s keep the Scrip program going strong. Thank you.

**Please don’t forget that all donated pennies go to our Methodist affiliate Rosecrance.** This penny collection to Rosecrance has been a mission at CSUMC for over 20 years, and is one small way we can help Rosecrance treat addiction.

**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 meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. 2 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.

**Save the Dates:**

**August 13, Backpack Blessing** Students, bring your backpack to worship so Pastor Cal may bless them before school starts

**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.*

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**WELCOME!**

July 23, 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**

**Greeter:** Joann Dill **Liturgist:** Verlette Gorman  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Facetime Hostess:** Kay Galloway **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson

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

**Sun 07/23 7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:30 am 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  
 11:30 'Half Truths' Study in the Parlor  
 2:00 pm JFON on the 2nd Floor

**Mon 07/24 METHODIST MONDAY**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Performing Arts Camp - various rooms  
 12:00 pm YAVO Haskell/Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor

**Tue 07/25**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Performing Arts Camp - various rooms  
 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 07/26**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Performing Arts Camp - various rooms  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 6:00 pm Men's Fellowship in someone's home

**Thu 07/27**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Performing Arts Camp - various rooms  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 12:00 pm YAVO Haskell/Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor

**Fri 07/28**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Performing Arts Camp - various rooms  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 Image Class in the Library  
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 07/29**

**Sun 07/30 8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:30 'Half Truths' Study in the Parlor

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

**F**orging  
 a *Family* of **Faith**

**The Good Old Days**



*Jacob dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.*  
**Genesis 28:12**



*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 after Pentecost  
 July 23, 2017*