

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude “Glory to God On High”  
(from the Leipzig Eighteen Choral Preludes) -J. S. Bach

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* The time has come, the time has come to follow Christ to the way of life.

***People:* Let us come here to worship with a true heart in the assurance of faith.**

*Leader:* Through Christ we are birthed new and become partners in God’s creation.

***People:* May the healing and transforming waters of Christ pour down upon us.**

***All:* As we journey on together, let us join in community as we celebrate in the love of Christ.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys  
Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #828 Psalm 105:1-11

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”  
*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children’s Message *James L. Crow*

Hymn - see screens, vs 1 “This Little Light of Mine”

Epistle Lesson - p. 162 Romans 12:9-21  
*Leader:* This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Fom Head to Heart to Hand!”  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

*Please refer to the ‘Baptism’ insert.*

Baptism *Faye Noelle Willis*  
*Daisy Mae Willis*

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory “Hear My Song, O Lord” -James Southbridge

§ **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  
Choral Prelude on ‘Eventide’ (“Abide With Me”) - C. Hubert Parry

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2222 “The Servant Song”

§ Benediction  
Beloved, God has blessed you with many gifts! As you leave here this morning, go out into the world committed to share your gifts generously to the glory of God. ***Amen.***

Postlude “Alleluya” -William Faulkes

### Facetime by the Big Bell

**We thank Ronald Anderson  
for sharing his musical gifts with us today!**

### Memory Verse for This Week

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”  
*Romans 12:12*



*Altar Flowers are given...*  
...in celebration of Donna Dow’s birthday  
by the Anderson, Cunningham, Hill, & Zimmerman families.  
...in celebration of Darlene Dienhart’s birthday  
by Gary Dienhart.

**The Gospel of John by Unbroken Bones** ~ Join us for a full-length, spoken-word drama of the Gospel of John. Blending training in theatre arts and passion for the Gospel, we aim to entertain and inspire. This high-energy performance is an engaging way to experience the Scripture. ‘Teaser’ will be at our 10am worship service on Sunday, Sept. 17, with the full performance at 3pm. One of the founders of Unbroken Bones, Kelsey Cratty, is from Rockford, IL.



**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!

***Deadline to submit Church Conference  
Online Reports is September 4***

***Please note the change in the due date - this is the District deadline.***  
Use the 2016 forms which are found at [umcnic.org](http://umcnic.org) under ‘Leadership Resources’, ‘Forms’.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses each Tuesday at 7 pm. Our first Sunday to sing for worship will be September 10th, Rally Day. Any persons interested in singing this fall please join us for rehearsal on the lower level on Tuesday, August 29th. **Ringers for Bell Choir**, we will be gathering as well so please stay tuned for your first rehearsal. Cindy Anderson has put together an email list for me and I will be in touch with you very soon about rehearsals for Bells. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart at [keelamron@gmail.com](mailto:keelamron@gmail.com). Thank you!

**The first planning meeting for Thanksgiving 2017 will be on Sept. 7 at the Olympic Tavern at 5:30 PM.** Looking for both previous and new volunteers to help make this a successful event. Please bring along ideas and suggestions to make this 36th Thanksgiving Day even more successful. If you are unable to attend but want to be on the committee, contact me at 779-200-7192 or [scram132@gmail.com](mailto:scram132@gmail.com). *Sue Cram*

**We are in the final stages of creating a supplemental directory of our congregation.** If you are not included in the 2014 directory of our Court Street family, we would like to include you in this addendum. Please submit a picture to us, or we will happily take your picture at your earliest convenience. Please contact Georgalee George (815-877-2978), Gwen Culpepper (815-708-6383), or Jeanine Wang (815-218-1700), for more information.

**Next Sunday, September 10th, 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.

**Sunday, September 10, the Youth Group will be hosting a drive-in diner in our parking lot after service!** Lunch will be served to your car drive-in style by our youth. Come enjoy a burger or hotdog cooked by our wonderful Methodist Men’s group! There will be music and games and a ton of fun! Bring your lawn chairs and sunglasses, and dress for the occasion! We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

**Don’t miss out on this Spiritual Growth Opportunity!** A 30-session study, *Believe*, by Randy Frazee is grounded in Scripture and a spiritual growth experience that helps Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus. **Begins Sunday, Sept. 17, 9am in the Parlor.** Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church Office, (815) 962-6061, to order your hardbound book for possibly as low as \$8, depending upon how many people order. You may also sign up for the study guide (\$11).

*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!**

September 3, 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:** Curly Thompson **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Dan Boon  
**Facetime Hostesses:** Geri & Judy **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson

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

**Sun 09/03 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 10:00 am **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:30 **Facetime by the Big Bell**

**Mon 09/04 LABOR DAY - Church is Closed**  
**Online DEADLINE for Church Conference Reports**

**Tue 09/05**  
 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  
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209  
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**

**Wed 09/06**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:30 **UMW Mission Team in the Kitchen**  
 12:00 pm **UMW Luncheon & Program in the Dining Room**

**Thu 09/07**  
 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**  
 5:30 pm YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 5:30 **Thanksgiving Committee @ The Olympic**

**Fri 09/08**  
 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  
 12:00 pm YAVO Activity in the Gym  
 12:30 Private Ceremony in the Chapel  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 09/09 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn**

**Sun 09/10 14th Sunday after Pentecost - RALLY DAY**  
**DEADLINE for Church Conference Booklet Reports**  
 9:00 am **Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209**  
 9:30 **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**  
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**  
 11:30 **Good Ole Days Drive-In Outside**  
 11:30 **Mums/Asters Pick-up in Chapel Narthex**

**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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost  
 September 3, 2017