

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

*Call:* We are gathered together in the name of Jesus,  
as children of our loving God.

**Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Call:* We are sisters and brothers, the family of God.

**Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Call:* We don't always agree,

but we look together toward our Savior.

**Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Call:* Today we strip away what divides us  
and embrace what unites us.

**Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

**All: Holy Spirit, pour upon us the peace of Christ  
that we may live and love like him. Amen.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - p. 583

Psalm 149

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message "Jesus never UNFRIENDS" *James L. Crow*

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

New Testament Lesson - p. 20

Matthew 18:15-20

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew..

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

"We Can Work It Out!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "With a Voice of Singing"

With a voice of singing,

declare ye this and let it be heard! Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

Sing praises to the honor of his name,

make his praise to be glorious. Alleluia!

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #152

**"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

### § Benediction

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." This world seeks violence, vengeance and retaliation. As you go from here this week, pursue peace. Be slow to anger, abounding in love. Be filled with gentleness, grace and kindness. Let the love of Jesus flow through you to all you meet. Go now in peace. **Amen.**

Postlude

### Rally Day Drive-In Outside

**We thank Andrew Mertzenich  
for sharing his musical gifts with us today!**

### Memory Verse for This Week

"For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them."

*Matthew 18:20*



*Altar Flowers are given...*

*...in memory of Mama, Mary Cromwell,  
by Bert & Scott Cromwell.*

### DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION ?

Have you moved, or had a change in your contact information, since the 2013 church directory was published? The opportunity to share your new address, phone number(s), and email address with other members of our church family is NOW! Please email your current contact information to [LorelleWandell@courtstreetumc.org](mailto:LorelleWandell@courtstreetumc.org). If you do not have email, please call the church office or place your information in the Sunday offering plates. *We will need to have your response by Sunday, September 24th for it to be included in the church directory addendum.*



**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!

**TODAY 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!

**TODAY we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** Please read the apportionment insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

**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 **2pm**. One of the founders of Unbroken Bones, Kelsey Cratty, is from Rockford!

**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).

**Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at Court Street UM Church on Monday, September 18, 2017.** Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifeline-screening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifeline-screening.com/communitycircle) or text the word 'circle' to 797979.

**Pancakes & Praise resumes Sunday, October 1st, at 8am,** happening monthly through May 2018. Join us for Pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee, & more in the Dining Room at 8:00 a.m. - all for a free-will donation. Then stay for 9:00 Praise in the Chapel. Geared especially for those who like a more modern flavor of worshipping God - open to all!

**Save the date: Wednesday, October 4, 6pm, on the church lawn  
for Blessing of our Pets**

*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 10, 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:** Jan Mace **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore

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

**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  
**Mon 09/11** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 11:00 Stewardship Committee in the Library  
 5:00 pm Finance Committee in the Library  
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor  
**Tue 09/12** 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  
 5:30 Trustees in the Library  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209  
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room  
**Wed 09/13** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**Thu 09/14** 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  
 2:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100  
 5:30 YAVO Panther Practice on 3rd Floor  
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ Red Lobster, 5827 E. State  
**Fri 09/15 Chimes DEADLINE**  
 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  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
**Sat 09/16**  
**Sun 09/17 15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor  
 9:00 Youth Gathering in Room 104 & Balcony West  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:15 Youth Activities - see Rally Day booklet for details  
 2:00 pm 'The Gospel of John' by Unbroken Bones  
 in the Sanctuary  
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club

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



*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.

14th Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day  
 September 10, 2017