

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Nun Danket Alle Gott  
(Now Thank We All Our God)  
*Johann Crüger, Arr. Lloyd Larson*

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered  
all to hear you,

***People:* Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek  
and love and fear you,**

*Leader:* By your teachings sweet and holy,

***People:* Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

*Leader:* Praise the Lord!

***People:* The Lord's name be praised!**

*~ Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663, The United Methodist Hymnal*

### § Opening Hymn UMH #131

**“We Gather Together”**

Sharing of Joys and Journeys  
Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

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

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Anthem “He's Got the Whole World” ~ *arr. Dobrinski*  
*Children's Choir & JuBellation*

Reading from the Psalms - p. 572 Psalm 123

*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

Wheaties: Breakfast of God's Champions *James L. Crow*

### Hymn - see screens, vs 1

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

### § Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 28 Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Multiplying the Master's Measure!

or Multiplying Your M&M(s)!

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ~ *Martin*

*Chancel Choir*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #694

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

### § Benediction

May the blessing of God who risked everything for our sake,  
the blessing of the Christ who releases in us new visions of  
hope and the blessing of the Holy Spirit who guides and directs  
us into new forms of obedience, be with us all. Go forth as pre-  
parers and proclaimers. ***Amen.***

*~ From the worship book for “Communication Skill Building for the  
'90s,” Nashville, Tenn., Scarritt-Bennett Center, 8-13 July 1991*

### § Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” ~ *John Rutter*

Postlude

We Plow the Fields

~ *Joseph Prentiss*

### Facetime by the Big Bell

### Memory Verse for This Week

“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given,  
and they will have an abundance.”

*Matthew 25:29a (NLT)*



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in wor-  
shipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and  
invite you to return!

**New for 2017 Thanksgiving Pie Donations: All pump-  
kin pies need to be commercially purchased.** If you want to do-  
nate frozen fruit pies please bring the frozen fruit pies to the church on  
Wednesday, November 22nd, by noon. The Thanksgiving committee  
will bake the pies here that Wednesday.

**Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed  
for children whose parent is in prison.** This year we have 55 children,  
many of whom live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the  
children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. Each  
child will receive 2 gifts, one a toy and one a clothing item. You can  
help us by: 1) Volunteering to distribute angels following any worship  
service. 2) Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each Retail). **Do not  
buy any gifts until you receive your angel.** 3) Making a cash donation  
or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with An-  
gel Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at  
1321 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shopping for gifts. 5) Organiz-  
ing and delivering gifts between December 17th and December 22nd.  
6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel,  
please look for the Angel Tree representative following the service in the  
Narthex starting **TODAY.** For questions, call 815-965-6518.

**Because of Bethlehem** You Have a Savior in Heaven ~ You are invited  
to a 4-session, video-based study by Max Lucado. Meeting each Sun-  
day, from Nov. 26th through Dec. 17, choose between 11:30 a.m. in the  
Church Parlor or 3:30 p.m. at 5772 Pepper Dr. Sign up sheets in the  
Narthex. Purchase a book for \$11 from the Church Office.

**It's that time of year again. We will be having a Hanging of the  
Greens event on Saturday, November 25 at 9:00 AM, and we'd love to  
have you help.** Please meet in the Sanctuary to decide which area of the  
church you'd like to prepare for Advent. Come when you can and leave  
when you must. We'll have snacks and Christmas music!

**Next Sunday we will celebrate United Methodist Student Sunday  
and take a special offering to support students.** The special offering  
funds scholarships and student loans for qualified and deserving United  
Methodists. We strengthen our denomination when we help students  
to pursue their educational goals as they discern God's plans for them.

**December 10th (Sunday) is our yearly, and always anticipated,  
Brunch, Bakery, and Bazaar.** If you are interested in having a table  
for your items to sell, please call 815-877-2141.

**Granny's Corner** is a new addition to the Christmas Bazaar. It is an  
additional effort to raise money for UMW. We need contributions.  
..TREASURED ITEMS ...that you can part with. KEY WORD IS TREA-  
SURED, NOT RUMMAGE. Examples might include CHRISTMAS  
TREASURES you no longer use, VINTAGE JEWELRY, SPECIAL BAS-  
KETS, OLD BENCHES. You can drop off donations before and after  
church in the Lower Level Worship Room on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3.

*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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**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Tim Gorman **Liturgist:** Lorelle Wandell  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Brian Meligan  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Facetime Hostess:** Geri Ryan

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

**Sun 11/19 24th Sunday after Pentecost/Thanksgiving Sunday**  
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities begin  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room  
 2:00 pm JFON Rockford Clinic on 2nd Floor  
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club

**Mon 11/20** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library  
 4:00 Finance Team in the Library  
 6:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

**Tue 11/21** 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 Handbell Choir in Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209  
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room

**Wed 11/22** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Thu 11/23 CHURCH CLOSED** except for ---  
 11:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner in the Lower Level

**Fri 11/24 CHURCH CLOSED**

**Sat 11/25** 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens  
 10:00 Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) rehearsal  
 10:30 Wedding in the Chapel

**Sun 11/26 Christ the King Sunday/Student Sunday**  
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:00 Fundraiser in Dining Room  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities begin  
 11:30 'Because of Bethlehem' Study in the Parlor  
 3:30 pm 'Because of Bethlehem' Study at 5772 Pepper

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

*Have with God*



*& Growing in Love*

**WELCOME!** November 19, 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 \_\_\_\_\_



*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.

*24th Sunday after Pentecost/Thanksgiving Sunday  
 November 19, 2017*