

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Also, please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.  
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Berceuse" ~ Louise Vierne

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

§ **Call to Worship** ~ Based on Psalm 147

*Leader:* Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**People: God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

*Leader:* God heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden  
and casts the wicked to the ground.**

*Leader:* God prepares rain for the earth  
and makes grass grow on the hills.

**People: The Lord takes pleasure in those who hope  
in God's steadfast love.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #160, verses 1-3**  
**"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
Pastoral Prayer

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading - p. 668 Isaiah 40:21-31

*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 "Keep Up the Pace" *James L. Crow*

**Hymn - see screens, vs 1 "This Little Light of Mine"**

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 35 Mark 1:29-39

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

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

"God Is Calling: Are You on Speaker?"  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

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

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory "Psalm 150"  
*Chancel Choir*

§ **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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #578**  
**"God of Love and God of Power"**

§ **Benediction**  
The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.  
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him  
in truth. Let us go forth now and sing the praises of God, for  
"great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised." **Amen**  
Choral "Amen"

Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
*Peter Scholtes, arr. Lani Smith*

## Facetime by the Big Bell

### Memory Verse for This Week

"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint."

*Isaiah 40:31*



*Altar flowers are given...*

...in memory of Jim Koehn by Bess Koehn & family.  
...in memory of Vic McCauley & Vicki Lawrence  
by Lois McCauley.



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!

**Valentine's Day is coming!** Purchase gift cards from Scrip for those you love and help support the church at the same time. Gift cards for the movies, department stores, and more make gift giving easy. See the people at the table by the big bell in the Narthex to see what's available.

**The next United Methodist Women's meeting is a lunch and program in the Church Dining Room this coming Wednesday, February 7, at noon.** Our speaker will be Deb Gille, and we will be learning about the benefits of "Laughter Yoga". No experience necessary to participate in this fun experience. If you need a ride to the UMW meeting, please contact Diane Lutmer at 815-978-0092 or Sue Cram at 779-200-7192 by 8 AM Wednesday morning. **Please call in your reservation for the lunch to Geri Ryan at 815-877-2141 by 5 PM Sunday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$7 per person.**

**Looking for volunteers to help clean more of the kitchen.** If you can help, please meet in the kitchen on Friday, February 9, from 9 to 11 AM. Cleaning supplies and gloves will be provided. Contact Geri Ryan or Sue Cram if you have questions. We appreciate all your help in advance.

**Next Sunday, February 11th, 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.

**Start answering God's call by getting closer to Him through Bible study.** Our Lenten Study will be Max Lucado's 'He Chose the Nails'. Yes, it may be inconvenient. Yes, it may take some time. But, yes, it is worth it. After all, He chose the nails because He loves you. Books will be available for \$9 each. Join us in study for 5 Sundays beginning Feb. 18 in the Parlor at 11:30, or for 5 Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21 in the Dining Room at 12:30, or for 5 Thursdays beginning Feb. 22, 1:00, at 1812 Meadows Circle, Rockford. All are welcome!

**We need a few seamstresses to make costumes** for the Maundy Thursday service. It's a real easy pattern. If you can help, please see Mr. Jim.

**Plan now to participate in one of our Ash Wednesday services on February 14th, Valentine's Day, to mark the beginning of Lent.** Pastor Cal will distribute ashes in the sign of the cross at noon and again at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." (1 John 3:16 NIV)

**If you requested 2018 Offering Envelopes, please check in the Narthex for your name on the boxes of envelopes.** If you want envelopes and do not find your name, please contact the Church Office.

*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	
<b>Greeters:</b> Dave & Diane Risley	<b>Acolyte:</b> Morgan Whitmore
<b>Ushers:</b> The Sandy Gregory Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b> Ryan Welk
<b>Video Tech:</b> Steve Ripley	<b>Van Driver:</b> Bob Lutmer
<b>Facetime Hostesses:</b> Sue Cram, Joanne Muck	
<b>Liturgist:</b> Cindy Anderson	

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

**Sun 02/04 5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room  
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities  
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room

**Mon 02/05** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
**Tue 02/06** 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  
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room  
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 02/07** 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 in the Dining Room  
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room

**Thu 02/08** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper  
 @ Imperial Palace, 3415 E. State St.

**Fri 02/09** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Cleaning in the Main Kitchen  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 IMAGE Class in the Library  
 12:00 pm Beautiful Beginnings Distribution-Chapel Narthex  
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 02/10** 8:30 am UMM Breakfast-Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles  
 9:00 Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment in Gym

**Sun 02/11 6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209  
 9:30 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  
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities

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

*Have with God*  
**Are**  
*God Is Calling You*  
**on Speaker?**

*& Growing in Love*



*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.

*5th Sunday after Epiphany*  
 February 4, 2018

**WELCOME!**

February 4, 2018

*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 \_\_\_\_\_