

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 "Wade in de Water" ~ arr. Ingram  
JuBellation Choir

Ringing of the Bell  
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

Remembering the Rejection of Jesus, the Light of the World  
James L. Crow

### § Call to Worship

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,  
**People: Christ goes with us side by side.**  
Leader: While we gather here for worship,  
**People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.**  
Leader: As we sing, pray and listen,  
**People: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.**  
Leader: And may this time of worship,  
**People: Be for us a constant guide.**  
Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,  
**ALL: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #61 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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 Reading - p. 299 2 Samuel 23:1-7  
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  
"Do You Believe in Miracles?" James L. Crow

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

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 113 John 19:1-5  
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
according to John.  
**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"God's Promise in the Crown of Thorns"  
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory "God So Loved the World" ~ Stainer  
Chancel Choir

### § Doxology UMH #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #723 "Shall We Gather at the River"

§ Benediction  
Go in peace. Give up something if it brings you closer to our Lord, who gave up so much for you. But to feel still closer to him, take on something. Take on someone's guilt, sickness or fear of death and, by sharing it, offer it up to God as your Lenten sacrifice. And may God put your observance of Lent to work for your growth in faith, hope, and love for the sake of him who bore our burdens and carried our sorrows, even his crucified and risen Son. **Amen.**  
Choral "Amen"

Postlude Suite on Beach Spring II ~ Wayne L. Wold  
(Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service)

### Facetime by the Big Bell

#### Memory Verse for This Week

"All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,  
following the desires of flesh and senses,  
and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else."  
Ephesians 2:3



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!

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 TODAY 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, at 1:00, at 1812 Meadows Circle. All are welcome!

Come to a 30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, February 21st, in the Chapel and hear Pastor Cal on "Rejection" as part of 'Ways of Re-Living for Lent.' Afterwards, get a light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation. We will continue with mid-week services on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel through the Lenten season. All are invited.

Looking for volunteers to help clean more of the kitchen. If you can help, please meet in the kitchen on Friday, Feb. 23, 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.

Ever thought of singing in the choir, but just need a little help? Jack Armstrong will be giving free voice lessons Saturday, February 24, from 1:00 to 2:00 in the choir room. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED SINGERS. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

During Lent we will be collecting items to donate to Rockford Rescue Mission and The Carpenter's Place. Please contribute only as you are able. Check the bulletin insert for details.

Our next Waffles & Worship is Sunday, March 4, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Free-will donation for breakfast. Steve Whitmore will be speaking on 'Luck.' This is a modern worship service and communion will be served. All are welcome!

God chose you. Do you choose Him? Plan now to attend these wonderful services during Holy Week to enhance your spirituality:

Palm Sunday, March 25, 10am - Vivaldi's 'Gloria'  
Thursday, March 29, 6pm - 'The Living Last Supper'  
Friday, March 30, Noon - Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
Easter Sunday, April 1  
6am - Sunrise Service - Chapel  
7am - Easter Breakfast - free-will donation  
10am - Resurrection Service - Sanctuary

Don't forget to pick up your Lenten Offering folder in the Narthex

*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!**

February 18, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Teresa Field                      **Acolyte:** Ella Anderson  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team      **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley                **Van Driver:** Dan Boon  
**Facetime Hosts:** Kay, Judy, & Milt      **Liturgist:** Bert Cromwell

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

**Sun 02/18 1st Sunday in Lent**  
 9:00 am 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  
 11:30 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Parlor  
 3:00 pm 'Godspell' Auditions in the Chapel  
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @4850 Black Oak Trail

**Mon 02/19**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 4:00 pm Finance Team in the Library  
 5:00 Administrative Council in the Dining Room

**Tue 02/20**  
 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  
 10:30 Winn Cty Substance Abuse Coalition in the Dining Room  
 1:00 pm Jeremiah Exec Board in the Library  
 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room  
 6:45 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 02/21**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 9:30 Deborah Circle in Room 209  
 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Alchemy's, E. State & Bell School Rd.  
 12:00 pm 30-minute Lenten Service in the Chapel  
 12:30 Lenten Lunch in the Dining Room  
 12:30 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Dining Room  
 5:30 N IL Wood Turners in the Youth Center  
 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room  
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

**Thu 02/22**  
 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  
 1:00 'He Chose the Nails' Study @ 1812 Meadows Circle  
 1:00 Chimes stuffing in the Library  
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor  
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

**Fri 02/23**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:00 Cleaning the Main Kitchen  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:00 IMAGE Class in the Library  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 02/24**  
 9:00 am Rkfd Rhythm/Phantom Regiment in the Gym  
 2:00 pm Voice Lessons in Choir Room

**Sun 02/25 2nd Sunday in Lent**  
 9:00 am 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 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Parlor  
 2:00 pm JFON Rockford Clinic on the 2nd Floor

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

*Have with God*  
**God's Promise**



**in the Crown of Thorns**

*& 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.

*First Sunday in Lent*  
 February 18, 2018