

**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 Thank-You Performance
Council Choraleers
Dorothy Paige-Turner, Director

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
Joan Tunnell

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The nails were pierced on your behalf.

***People:* Come and worship Jesus.**

Leader: The crown of thorns worn in your place.

***People:* Come and worship Jesus.**

Leader: His blood was shed so you could live.

***People:* Come and worship Jesus.**

Leader: The cross is calling you to come.

***ALL:* Come and worship Jesus.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #451

“Be Thou My Vision”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading - p. 200 Colossians2:9-15
Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ!
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord!**

“I Will Call Upon The Lord”

“Lean on Me”

Praisin’ & Prayin’ Puppets

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children’s Message “The Need for Speed”

Bruce Martin

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 54 Mark 15:21-32
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Mark.
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

“God’s Promise in the Nails”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory “The Music of God” ~ Parker/Hayes
Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #261 “Lord of the Dance”**

§ Benediction

Because you are the children of God, you are not the same people you once were. You have been restored, changed and redeemed. Go from this place with that understanding. What was once broken has been made new. He has set you apart as his own. Go now in the knowledge that you are whole, holy and beautiful. ***Amen.***

Choral “Amen”

Postlude “Olivet” (My Faith Looks Up to Thee) ~ Karl Osterland

Facetime by the Big Bell



Altar Flowers are given...

...in loving memory of my husband, Allen Pang, by Kay Pang.

Memory Verse for This Week

“God made you alive with Christ
and forgave all the things you had done wrong.”
Colossians 2:13b



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 is 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. It’s not too late to join us in study: Sundays in the Parlor at 11:30 a.m., or Wednesdays in the Dining Room at 12:30 p.m., or Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at 1812 Meadows Circle. All are welcome!

Come to a **30 minute worship at Noon this Wednesday, February 28th, in the Chapel and hear Pastor Cal on “Reformation” 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.

Waffles & Worship is NEXT 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!

During Lent we are collecting items to donate to Rockford Rescue Mission (Food) and The Carpenter’s Place (Non-Food). Please contribute only as you are able. Check the bulletin insert for details.

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 - Dining Room

free-will donation

10am - Resurrection Service - Sanctuary

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

COFFEE FUNDRAISER UPDATE!!!! Drink Coffee and Support Court Street UMC. Our coffee fundraiser officially kicked off on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Similar to the Scrip program, every time coffee is purchased through our fundraiser, the church benefits. Even though the program is new it is already starting to pay off. So far the church has earned \$51.12 This is exciting, as it will continue to build over time. If you haven’t ordered your coffee yet, you can do so by visiting www.FreshHorizonsCoffee.com/oid/CourtStreet. Remember when you set up a subscription you save 10% and, in addition, all orders over \$40.00 have FREE SHIPPING!

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 25, 2018

We're glad you're worshiping 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 _____

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| TODAY'S WORSHIP | |
| Greeter: Jan Mace | |
| Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team | Sound Tech: Brian King |
| Video Tech: Steve Ripley | Van Driver: Bob Lutmer |
| Facetime Hostesses: Geri & Judy | Liturgist: Lorelle Wandell |

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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
- Mon 02/26**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 6:00 pm 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center
- Tue 02/27**
- 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
 - 5:30 pm YAVO on 3rd floor
 - 6:00 JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room
 - 6:15 Knitting Group at 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 - 6:45 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202
- Wed 02/28**
- 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 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
 - 6:00 Praise Team in the Dining Room
 - 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center
- Thu 03/01**
- 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
 - 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 - 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center
- Fri 03/02**
- 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
 - 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
- Sat 03/03**
- 10:00 am YAVO on 3rd floor
- Sun 03/04 3rd Sunday in Lent**
- 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 'He Chose the Nails' Study in the Parlor
 - 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God
God's Promise



in the Nails

& 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.

Second Sunday in Lent
 February 25, 2018