

**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

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

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship

Prelude "A Suite of Passion: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"
Wilbur Held

Remembering the Rejection of Jesus, the Light of the World
Bruce Shindel

§ Call to Worship

Call: Come and worship! In wonder and awe
let us seek the face of God.

***Response:* God invites us to come just as we are.**

Call: We come longing to experience God's embrace.

***Response:* God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.**

Call: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

***Response:* God feeds us the Bread of Life.**

Call: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

***Response:* God quenches our thirst with living water.**

Call: We come weary and worn.

***Response:* God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.**

Call: Come and worship! In wonder and awe
God reveals the divine self to us.

***Response:* We come as we are and are changed
by God's love and grace.**

***All:* Give glory to God! Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #269

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading - p. 201 Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17
Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ!
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord!**

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message
"Easter Emoji - Happy 😊"

James L. Crow

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

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 113 John 19:16-24

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

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

"God's Promise in the Robe"

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 Hymn UMH#504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

***Verse 1:* All *Verse 3:* Choir**

***Verse 2:* Choir *Verse 4:* All**

§ **Doxology UMH #95 "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 #529, verses 1-3**
"How Firm a Foundation"

§ **Benediction**

Children of God, you are loved. You are called, you are chosen and you are redeemed. Though you have done nothing to deserve it, you have been given free and unconditional mercy. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you and change you as you draw nearer to Christ and the cross this Lenten season. Go now and live in the truth of the gospel. **Amen.**

Choral "Amen"

Postlude "Peace to My Soul" ~ *William Barnett*

Facetime by the Big Bell

The organ preludes during our journey through these weeks of Lent come from Wilbur Held's "A Suite of Passion." A deeply thoughtful and meticulous musician, Held crafted substantial yet accessible music revealing the truths of scripture in the shape of a line, the content of a progression, the evolution of an idea across a work, and in the attitude of humility they embody. This week's selection is, "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now." As you enter your worship meditation, allow the music to help you contemplate the sacred life of Jesus and the continued journey to the cross.



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!

Answer God's call by getting closer to Him through Bible study. Our Lenten Study is Max Lucado's 'He Chose the Nails'. It's not too late to join us in study: Sundays in the Parlor at 11:30 a.m., 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, March 7, in the Chapel and hear Pastor Cal on "Redemption" 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.

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. Shopping lists are available in the Narthex.

Looking for volunteers to help clean more of the kitchen. Please meet in the kitchen on Friday, March 9, from 9 to 11 AM. Cleaning supplies and gloves as well as coffee and treats will be provided. Contact Geri Ryan or Sue Cram if you have questions. We appreciate all your help.

Turn clocks ahead Saturday, March 10, before going to bed.

Next Sunday, March 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.

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'

Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble

Thursday, March 29, 6pm - 'The Living Last Supper'

Dramatization with Hymns interspersed

Friday, March 30, Noon - Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 1

6am - Sunrise Service - Chapel - *Service led by the Youth*

7am - Breakfast - Dining Room - *free-will donation*

10am - Resurrection Service - Sanctuary

Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, JuBellation Choir

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!

March 4, 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 _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Help please!! **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman
Facetime Hosts: Geri, Judy **Liturgist:** Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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

Mon 03/05
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Parlor
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

Tue 03/06
 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
 6:45 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 03/07
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:30 UMW Mission Team in Room 209
 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 03/08
 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
 1:00 'He Chose the Nails' Study-1812 Meadows Circle
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ Baker St. Burgers
 6:00 'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center

Fri 03/09
 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 03/10
 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn
 9:00 Rockford Rhythm in the Gym
 10:00 am YAVO on 3rd floor

TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR TONIGHT

Sun 03/11 4th 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God
God's Promise



in the Robe

"The Mocking of Jesus"
 by a follower of
 Michelangelo Caravaggio

& 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.

Third Sunday in Lent
 March 4, 2018