

**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.

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

Prelude "A Suite of Passion: (III) In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
Wilbur Held

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

§ **Call to Worship**

Leader: Beneath the cross of Jesus,

***People:* We have come to take our stand.**

Leader: Beneath the cross of Jesus,

***People:* His love makes us able to stand:**

Leader: Able to stand free of condemnation;

***People:* Able to stand for justice and compassion.**

Leader: Come, O Lord, and make us strong

***People:* Beneath the cross of Jesus. Amen.**

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #361 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

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. 181 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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 - Money Eyes 🤪"

James L. Crow

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

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 32 Matthew 27:32-44

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

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

"God's Promise in the Cross"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

RECEPTION into the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH &
into the LOCAL CONGREGATION - *please see insert*

Christopher, JanLynn, and Christian Druce Jones

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ~ *G. Martin*
Chancel Choir

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #98 "To God Be the Glory"**

§ **Benediction**

As we go forth from this place on our Lenten journey, let us be mindful that the cross of Christ calls us to rise to our greater selves. Pick up the cross, my friends, and follow faithfully this week in the footsteps of the one who has gone before: the one who is, who was, and who forever shall be, Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Choral "Amen"

Postlude Ich Ruf Zu Dir Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639) ~ *J.S. Bach*

Facetime by the Big Bell

This week's Prelude selection from Wilbur Held's A Suite of Passion is, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." This hymn, originally composed by John Bowring, follows the same text as Isaac Watts, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross. The effect, however, is much different. Watts' 18th-century hymn focuses on the crucified Christ and entreats the singer to view Christ physically on the cross. Bowring's 19th-century hymn has the expansive sense of history and time that typifies Romantic poetry of this era. As you enter your worship meditation, allow the music to help you contemplate the sacred life of Jesus and the path to the cross.

Chancel Flowers are given...

...in honor of

Annette Gillette's, Diane Risley's, & Gail Palmer's 70th Birthday,
& in memory of Sara Johnson's March Birthday.



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We are all one family. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

TODAY we are taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Please see the insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line & use the enclosed envelope.

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 14, in the Chapel and hear Pastor Cal on "Resolution" 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.

Deadline for April 2018 Chimes is Thursday, March 15th!

Get the word out about how we can help God's people!

Next Sunday, March 18th, is our last Sunday to collect donations for Rockford Rescue Mission (Food) and The Carpenter's Place (Non-Food). If you are not able to give, would you be willing to pray for the success of our mission? That is a wonderful donation!

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

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

10am - Resurrection Service - Sanctuary

Chancel Choir, Children's Choir

Instrumental Ensemble, JuBellation Choir

A Stewardship Message: "Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter- when you see the naked, to clothe them and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help and he will say: Here am I."

Isaiah 58: 7-9

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 11, 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: Joann Dill	Acolyte: Hannah Whitmore
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team	Sound Tech: Tim Welk
Video Tech: Steve Ripley	Van Driver: Bruce Shindel
Facetime Hosts: Breakfast Club	Liturgist: Randiann King

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 03/11 4th Sunday in Lent
 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 **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**
 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 Clinic on the 2nd Floor

Mon 03/12
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 **N&O Hot Chocolate Distribution - Chapel Narthex**
 2:00 pm Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 5:30 **Worship Team in the Parlor**
 6:00 **'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center**

Tue 03/13
 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
 5:30 **Trustee Team in the Library**
 6:00 **JuBellation Handbells in Choir Room**
 6:45 **Chancel Choir in the Choir Room**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 03/14
 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 03/15 April 2018 Chimes DEADLINE
 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**
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 5:30 YAVO on 3rd floor
 6:00 **'Godspell' Rehearsal in the Youth Center**

Fri 03/16
 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 03/17 10:00 am YAVO on 3rd floor

Sun 03/18 5th 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**
 11:30 **Christian Ed Team in the Youth Center**
 4:00 pm **CSUMC Book Club @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God
God's Promise



in the Cross

& 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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 11, 2018